

Sedona, Arizona
Oct. 26, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief of FBI,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Yesterday, the Arizona Republic, the largest newspaper in Arizona, owned and published by Eugene Pulliam, put out the enclosed advertisement for the John Birch Society.

I was shocked to find your picture on page 14 among men who were endorsing the John Birch Society. Oh, yes, the very fine print underneath said you could not endorse anyone or anything, but very few people read fine print. The implication is there that you are endorsing this extremist group.

Do you know, sir, that parents who belong to this group are teaching their children to spy on their teachers, watching them in libraries to see what books they read? Do you know they are teaching their children to distrust and despise our government? Do you know they are telling them that our President and other government leaders are traitors? What can come of this except to encourage disobedience of civil laws, even to the possible extent of anarchy?

I certainly hope you will disclaim your approval of this group who are extremists who wave the flag but actually want to destroy our democratic form of government and substitute a form of militant dictatorship. At least, that is what Mr. Robert Welch seems to advocate--"a monolithic system"--what else could that mean?

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. David M. Goss (Inez H. Goss)

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Mrs. David M. Goss
Sedona, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Goss:

Your letter of October 26th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, my statements and speeches are a matter of public record and are quoted from time to time. Their use, however, does not necessarily mean either that this Bureau has or has not "cleared" the manner in which they are employed. You may be interested in knowing that no permission was requested by the John Birch Society in connection with the advertisement you forwarded and you may be assured this Bureau has not endorsed this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

FROM : SAC, WILLIAM B. SOYARS, JR.

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 11/24/64

~~PETER J. LOMBARDO~~, Coordinator for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, came to the office this morning. He was mainly seeking information re ELIZABETH NIELSEN (PX 62-8). NIELSEN had contacted the Society, alleging that VICTOR and MARY MENARD, 6150 N. 20th Street, (Society members) to be Communists. I gave LOMBARDO no information re the MENARDS and suggested that he might desire to talk with NIELSEN herself before forming his opinion of the reliability of her information.

Mr. LOMBARDO commented that FRANK MARISCH was now the major coordinator for the Society's activities in this area and his territory covers Arizona, New Mexico and parts of Nevada. LOMBARDO will actively handle, under MARISCH's direction, Society activities in Arizona, from Phoenix, south and will include the southwest quarter of New Mexico.

LOMBARDO commented he was going to Tucson later this week to investigate alleged activities there of the "Minutemen", it having come to his attention that possibly this group had attempted to encourage members of the Society to defect from the Society and join the Minutemen. He will furnish us any information he ascertains relative to Minutemen at Tucson.

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Chief Blubaum
Phoenix Police Department
17 S. 2nd Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Chief Blubaum:

I am a member of a local John Birch Society Chapter. One of my assignments is to establish contact with the local police department and determine in what manner we can enhance local law enforcement and otherwise aid your department. Could you put me in contact with cognizant persons in your department in this regard?

Our prime purpose as an organization being educational, I'm wondering if your department maintains a speakers bureau that we might aid in the procurement of speaking engagements.

We are also very concerned with legislative matters and I would appreciate knowing whether your department maintains a legislative development program in which we might aid.

We appreciate your interest and help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Louise Lester
438 West Harmont Drive
Phoenix 21,
Arizona

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Robert J. Stille
1015¹/₂ North Guadalupe
Carlsbad, New Mexico

December 11, 1964

Mr. Frank Marisch, Jr.
1801 W. Las Palmaritas Dr.

Dear Sir:

We have a very special problem here with what seems to be about three Communist cells operating from labor unions. I wrote Commander A.T. Sewell about some information in the Phoenix area but apparently is not as active physically as he might be.

I am a patrol officer with the Border Patrol here in Carlsbad and officially I am trying to stay out of the limelight for the time being. Melton Bruster, this area's coordinator recommended that I write you this date and suggested that you might have some contacts in the Phoenix and Apache Junction area that might furnish the information we need.

We are specifically looking for information about one man we know to have worked on a small newspaper, supposedly in Apache Jct., Ariz. The man's name is Henry Warren Potter (he also goes by H.W. Potter or Red Potter.) He corresponds with a person by the name of Florence Lewis, Box 551, Apache Junction, Ariz. Potter has a lengthy criminal record dating from 1929 to 1954 for felonys in Calif, Tenn and Mich. He spent about 15¹/₂ years of his life in prison between those dates and was last sentenced 5-life in San Quentin, Calif for habitual criminal, on 1948 at released 1954 from his parole. He supposedly came to the Phoenix area and got involved in a whore house operation where a cell of Communists were reportedly meeting and were busted up by the FBI or state police. That would have been between 1955-59. We would like to have the following checked specifically:

- (1) If Potter has criminal record or any arrests with Arizona or Phoenix police dept or county sheriff's office there.
 - (2) Substantiate if he had any Communist activities in Phoenix or surrounding areas (particularly Apache Jct.)
 - (3) Who is Florence Lewis? Maybe cover name they are using for Box 551 at Apache Jct.
 - (4) If a subject of the name of Don R. Miehls ever lived in Phoenix or near and if he had contact with Potter and whorehouse.
 - (5) If you have a police contact there, Potter's FBI arrest #270,290 (this may aid in finding something with state bureau.)
- Fingerprint classification is:

We need this information in the worst kind of a way and if I had any way of getting it myself I would. I thank you in advance for anything you can supply me.

cc: Mr. Peter Lombardo
4521 N 19th Place
Phoenix, Arizona

Sincerely yours:

Robert J. Stille

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John Birch Society Attacks New Opposition Organization

By WILLIAM A. OVEREND

The John Birch Society launched a blistering attack yesterday on the national leadership of an antiextremist organization which may soon have a chapter in Arizona.

The attack came a day after announcement of plans to form a state branch of the National Council for Civic Responsibility, which has dedicated itself to exposing methods of groups it considers extremist.

IN ADDITION to the Birch criticism of the council's national aims, opposition to plans for forming a state branch of the organization also came yesterday from the Arizona Americanism Committee of the American Legion.

That developed as five leaders of the move to organize the state antiextremist chapter held a second Phoenix meeting in which they stressed that they do not plan to direct their energies specifically against the Birch Society, and that they hope conservatives will join in their battle against extremists of both directions.

John Rousselot of Los Angeles, national director of public relations for the Birch Society, told The Arizona Republic by telephone that "several

conservatives in the Arizona area" plan to form a committee to expose the national leaders of the council.

"The leaders . . .," he said, "have been engaged for years in the dubious activities of selling out our country to international socialist organizations and also systematically destroying the American constitutional concepts of freedom."

ROUSSELOT telephoned The Republic from Chico, Calif., where he had been contacted by Frank Marich, head of the Phoenix American Opinion Library. Marich had been asked to comment on the council, but preferred to have Rousselot comment.

"The John Birch Society is always delighted to have its beliefs, principles and programs exposed to the full light of public understanding," said Rousselot. "We in the society are most hopeful that this newly formed committee in Arizona is more willing to debate the issues publicly than has been the head of the national committee, Dr. Arthur Larson."

Rousselot said Larson has met with known Communist negotiators 4 times "to subvert the military forces of our country" in conferences known as Pugwash Conferences. He said two

of the meetings were held in Moscow.

LARSON WAS head of the U.S. Information Agency during the Eisenhower Administration, and is a professor at Duke University.

The second criticism of the proposed state chapter came after a special meeting of the American Legion's State Americanism Committee at the Hotel Westward Ho. E. P. Mullan, chairman, released a statement which read in part:

"Americanism Committee of the American Legion takes exception to the objectives of the newly formed Council on Civil Responsibility. At a time when all Americans would be working for unity, we believe that all people should avoid programs or groups which tend to create distrust and division among our people."

"It is unjust to label people extremists using arbitrary political standards. We must continue to answer political views with just arguments and not hate labels. The very act of labeling people as extremists is regarded as the worst kind of extremism."

MEANWHILE, leaders of the proposed controversial state chapter continued to outline their plans and objectives, stressing that all efforts should be conducted on a non-partisan basis.

"Our purpose should be education," said Ward Logan, temporary chairman at the small organizational meeting yesterday, "propounding specific acts or policies against obviously extremist groups. We object to campaigns of harassment against teachers and clergymen."

Also attending the meeting were Dr. Dewey Anderson, executive director of the national group, and the Rev. Louis Eaton of the Phoenix Community Council of Churches, Frank McGrath of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and John Evans, secretary of the Arizona AFL-CIO. They said they were acting as individuals and were not representing their organizations at the meeting.

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Speaker Cites '3-Front' Drive on U.S. by Reds

By BOB PEARS
Staff Writer

The Communists and their ideological allies are working on three fronts to disrupt the American way of life, and all of them involve assaults on law and order, according to W. Cleon Skousen.

They are the foreign front, the domestic front, and the assault on the American home itself.

Skousen spoke Saturday night before a crowd of about 900 at Phoenix College Auditorium. His speech was sponsored by the local chapters of the John Birch Society.

He presided earlier at the opening of an American Opinion Library at 1136 W. University Dr., Mesa.

On the domestic front, Skousen, an ex-FBI agent and former chief of police of Salt Lake City, said the American Communists have passed the word to "militarize protest movements." This means, he stated, that they hope to stir up violence by infiltrating trained agitators into peaceful demonstrations, such as those for civil rights.

"It hasn't happened in your city yet, but in some places the people have found only a thin blue line (the police) standing between them and riotous mobs," Skousen said.

He cited the incident in Birmingham, Ala., two sum-

mers ago in which, he said, "agitators deliberately baited the police" and finally provoked the incident they had been seeking by goading a police dog into lurching at one of the demonstrators.

Skousen referred to a report issued in 1961 by the inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency to police and other law enforcement groups concerning orders to Red agents in this country on how to turn mass demonstrations into mob violence.

He said the American people should become more aware of what their law enforcement agencies are faced with by learning to know them and their problems better through personal contact. Skousen had high praise for the Phoenix Police Department.

On the foreign front, Skousen said the United States could stop the Communist assault of subversion and trouble-making if we

heeded a recently issued bipartisan Senate Judiciary Committee report on winning the cold war and stopped giving no-strings-attached aid to the Communist nations.

This report advocates taking advantage of serious economic crises in the Red nations to extract concessions for aid, such as free elections in the satellites, tearing down the Berlin Wall, removal of military installations from Cuba, and halting guerrilla warfare in such places as South Viet Nam and the Congo.

The report, entitled "The Many Crises of the Soviet Economy," Senate Judiciary Committee Report No. 30-369, is available from Sen. Thomas Dodd, D-Conn.

The Communist assault on the American home, Skousen said, seeks to undermine the Judeo-Christian moral code we inherited from our founding fathers and to create divisions between children and their parents.

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Communist Threat Topic

W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City, editorial director of Law and Order magazine, will discuss, "The Communist Attack on Law and Order" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Phoenix College auditorium, 1202 W. Thomas.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Skousen will open a new American Opinion Library at 1136 W. Fourth St., Mesa. He will autograph his book, "The Naked Communist."

Skousen's Saturday night appearance is sponsored by the Phoenix area chapters of the John Birch Society. He will discuss the attacks against FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

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W. CLEON SKOUSEN,
FORMER FBI AGENT,
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TO : SAC, PHOENIX

DATE: 2/10/65

FROM : GRANT A. JACOBSEN (SPC)

SUBJECT: MICHAEL WILLIAM MURPHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

NMH. MICHAEL MURPHY

Captioned individual called the office late tonight, stating that he was a member of the John Birch Society; that he planned on subscribing to the communist newspaper The Worker; and that he was desirous of rendering whatever help he could to the government in thwarting communism. In this latter connection, MURPHY expressed a particular desire to lend whatever assistance he could to the FBI in fighting communism. I advised MURPHY of my job capacity and that I was not in a position to comment in this regard. MURPHY indicated he would telephone the office sometime during normal working hours.

MURPHY is an Airman First Class, USAF, and is living at 321 Colorado Place, SDV, Williams AFB, Arizona, telephone 988-2025.

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TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

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FROM : SA CALVIN W. EVANS

SUBJECT: MRS. JEROME E. DOOLITTLE, aka
PENELOPE A. DOOLITTLE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2-17-65 Mrs. JEROME E. (PENELOPE A.) DOOLITTLE, 3425 W. Octillo, Phoenix, Arizona, advised SA CALVIN W. EVANS by telephone that she is taking over a chapter of the John Birch Society and in line with her desire to fight communism she is going to subscribe to the communist publication "THE WORKER".

Mrs. DOOLITTLE had written a letter subscribing to THE WORKER under the alias of "VIOLA SLUSS", but is using her own home address as the place where the issues should be sent. She indicated she desired to bring this information to the attention of the FBI as of possible future reference.

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Birch Society to Sponsor Talk by 'Treason' Author

John Stormer, author of the book, "None Dare Call It Treason," will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday at the North Phoenix High School auditorium, 1101 E. Thomas.

Stormer in 1962 abandoned a career as editor and general manager of an electrical magazine to devote full time to conservative, anti-Communist activities. He also is chairman of the Missouri Federation of Young Republicans and a member of the GOP state committee in Missouri.

Tickets are on sale at the American Opinion Bookstores in Phoenix and Mesa, the Camelback Bakery, and Gautier

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U.S. Losing War With Reds, Local Audience Told

By BOB PEARS

"We are at war with communism, and the sooner every red blooded American realizes it the better off we will be." (J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI.)

But we are rapidly losing this war, and the American people don't even realize it is going on or refuse to face up to it, according to John Stormer, author of the best-selling paperback book "None Dare Call it Treason."

Stormer spoke to about 1,400 persons in North Phoenix High School Auditorium Saturday night. His speech was sponsored by the Phoenix area chapters of the John Birch Society.

"Refusal to face reality is what has got us in the mess we are in today," said Stormer. He cited as an example of this refusal a speech by President Lyndon Johnson last autumn in which he said the Communists have m. since the fall of o. o.

"He completely ignored

such things as the fall of Algeria to Ben Bella, who said he was going to set up a one-party socialist state; the neutralization of Laos, and the building of the Berlin Wall," the author stated.

Despite billions spent by the United States on defense and foreign military and economic aid since World War II, Stormer emphasized, the Communist have grown in power while we are in a relatively weaker position.

He attributed this to aid we have given the Communist bloc at the same time we were spending money to contain the Reds. He gave such examples as military and economic help to Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and sale of wheat to Russia on easy terms.

"But our aid to the Communists has not been just economic," Stormer pointed out. "Men who are still in the State Department made us believe Mao Tse-tung (ruler of Red China) was merely an agrarian reformer and (Cuban Premier Fidel) Castro the George Washington of Cuba."

Reading the constitutional definition of treason as giving aid and comfort to the enemy, Stormer expressed his belief that we have been doing this all along.

He did not accuse any U.S. officials of being traitors, but said there is no difference between the majority who are just misguided or are aiding the enemy.

"For years we have been giving aid and comfort to the enemy," he said. "One reason is that the wrong people are in positions of authority, not just at the top, but all the way down the line."

"When such men as Otto Otepka (former State Department official who lost his job after he told a Senate committee about lax security measures in the department) warn of this, they are fired or demoted, while those who constantly make the wrong decisions get promotions."

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Birch Director Says U.S. Headed for Red Surrender

A national director of the John Birch Society last night warned that the United States is being prepared for a surrender to communism, but declared his organization can save the nation from this fate.

Speaking to more than 500 persons crowded into the Maryvale High School auditorium, including large delegations from nine Arizona John Birch Society chapters, Tom Anderson, agricultural publisher said:

"Our leaders are deliberately undermining our Constitution and are guilty of extremism bordering on treason."

HE SAID, however, that morality and courage and the John Birch Society can save America.

Anderson is president of Farm and Ranch publications, Nashville, Tenn., and is a member of the national council of the John Birch Society.

Skipping any reference to such critical current situations as the Southern Negro civil rights problem and Vietnam, Anderson devoted large portions of his remarks to listing groups, institutions and persons who he said are un-American or are, in his opinion, "liberal mice"—worse than Communists.

HE LEFT his audience with the distinct understanding that outside of John Birch Society members and the nine Americans each society member "directly influences," all others in this country are either subversive, uninformed or asleep.

He said it is the mission of the John Birch Society, "the greatest organization in the world today," to wake up Americans to the danger they face.

Turning briefly to politics, he said, "The Republican Party will be saved from the bottom up, but if the moderates capture it, it's dead."

Later, he said:

"WE ARE not extremists, we are an organization trying to save our constitutional form of

government, for our Constitution is one of the most moderate of all documents."

In still another part of his address Anderson repeated Barry Goldwater's often-quoted campaign acceptance speech statement that "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no

vice" to the wild applause of his audience. Anderson also said:

"One of the most encouraging signs is the awakening interest of youth."

"Hubert Humphrey will be our next president."

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Birch Official Lists 3 Talks

John H. Roussetot, national director of public relations for the John Birch Society, has scheduled three appearances in the Valley on Tuesday.

At 1:30 p.m. he is to dedicate the American Opinion Library branch at 16 S. Marshall in Scottsdale. At 5:30 p.m. he is to take part in a forum at the Phoenix Press Club at Hotel Westward Ho.

Roussetot is to speak at 8 p.m. in the Arcadia High School auditorium, 4703 E. Indian School, on "The United Nations - Instrument of the International Communist Conspiracy."

Admission to the talk at the high school is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

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Birch Society Worth Topic of Word Battle

By KATHLEEN TIERNEY

Former California Congressman John H. Rousselot and Gerald Pollock, local attorney and member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), engaged in a heated verbal battle here yesterday over the question, "Does the John Birch Society Contribute to Our American Heritage?"

Pollock charged the Birch Society uses "unChristian means" to achieve its "Utopia."

Rousselot, national public relations director for the society, stated the organization's long-range purpose is only to achieve, "less government, more individual responsibility, and a stronger moral world."

ACCORDING TO Rousselot, the society seeks to preserve our heritage by making Americans aware that there is Communist penetration of this country and an international conspiracy to convert the United States into a Communist state.

He said the seven-year-old society operates through local chapters, consisting of 10-50 members, and is governed by a 26-man national council of which Robert Welch is president.

THE SOCIETY sends out "coordinators" to outline the nature and advance of communism.

"Can such a society which doesn't allow free and open debate within its own structure," Pollock questioned, "foster democracy, since the greatness of the democratic process lies in its provisions for free and open debate?"

ACCORDING TO Pollock, "Robert Welch is, in fact, dictator of the John Birch Society." He charged that the Society is causing Americans to hate Americans by calling high officials traitors.

He claimed the Birch Society is destroying the very democratic process it is sworn to uphold when it fosters mistrust of public officials. He said the job of ferreting out Communists should be left to the people trained for the job — the FBI, and the CIA.

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Birch Society Aide Appointed

Thomas C. Brussat has been named a coordinator for the John Birch Society here. Frank Marisch Jr., major coordinator, has announced.

Brussat, the third society coordinator in Arizona, lives at 3834 N. 21st Ave. He will work out of the group's Phoenix headquarters at 1812 W. Camelback.

Pete Lombardo also is a society coordinator here.

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Tucson Chief Decries Police Joining JBS

SCOTTSDALE — Police membership in the John Birch Society is one symptom of the crisis in law enforcement, Tucson Police Chief Bernard Garmire declared yesterday.

"There is no room for any form of extremism in the American police service," said Garmire. "Membership in the John Birch Society by police officers is decried by many as a dangerous thing.

"I AM frequently asked why police officers join such a radical organization," Garmire added.

Membership in such groups, the chief said, is a symptom of a disease which has developed because "the police officer has not been properly equipped for his tasks" in a rapidly changing society.

Speaking at a seminar at the 38th annual conference of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in the Safari Hotel here, Garmire said other symptoms of the law enforcement crisis included:

Police scandals, Supreme Court rulings "which appear to castigate, or at least be aimed at police tactics and procedures," organized crime, civil rights movements, civil disorders, rising crime rates and juvenile problems.

"THE problems of law enforcement are compounded," Garmire asserted, "by an increasingly fervid desire for complete freedom simultaneous with

complete security. Yet complete freedom simultaneous with complete security is impossible. One tends to displace the other."

Garmire said police must have the respect of the communities they serve in order to solve the law enforcement problems.

Garmire, in explaining the attractiveness of the John Birch Society to some policemen, said police are "by nature inclined to be conservative in their political philosophy.

"THIS IS probably the result of many skirmishes with bleeding hearts, left wingers, bigots and those who profess to be the champions of the underdog," he said.

he Arizona Chiefs of Police Association meeting during the convention elected P. H. Nelson of Window Rock president for 1965-66.

Nelson is assistant superintendent of the Navajo Police Department. Others named were Louis Sotomayor, chief of police at Nogales, vice president; and Walter Nemetz, Scottsdale police chief, secretary-treasurer.

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A Menace To Whom?

No one could fault the homeowner for a twinge of nervousness if he knows that the policeman patrolling his block is a card-carrying member of the Mafia. This, after all, would imply a division of loyalties that bodes no good for the silver plate.

Just what makes the same policeman a menace by virtue of being a member of the John Birch Society, however, eludes our understanding. And, yet, this is clearly the worry that grips Tucson Police Chief Bernard Garmire who told a recent conference of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns here that "there is no room for any form of extremism in the American police service."

While we hold no brief for the John Birch Society as such, we find an interesting form of official schizophrenia in the fact that no one challenges the fitness of a university professor to force feed his students with the equally wild-haired extremism of Americans for Democratic Action, but that the police officer who holds unortho-

dox political views suddenly becomes a rolling, fire-breathing one-man disaster area. Are we to assume that he will rubber-hose the offending motorist wearing a left-over "LBJ All The Way" sticker, while giving a sly, conspiratorial wink to the motorist with an "Impeach Earl Warren" banner on his trunk? Ridiculous.

As to why so many policemen find an attraction in the Conservative philosophy, however, Chief Garmire proves himself far more perceptive. "This is probably," he said, "the result of many skirmishes with bleeding hearts, left-wingers, bigots and those who profess to be the champions of the underdog."

One can only shrug at this quirk in the American mentality that presumes to make the lonely policeman the "heavy" for holding his political views, while the mob of wild-eyed beatniks expressing ITS views by slamming him over the head with its placards emerges as the victim of "police brutality."

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John Birch Educational Push Told

While he may someday seek to return to Congress, John Rousselot believes the work he is now doing is more important to the country.

Rousselot, a California Republican congressman in 1961-62, is national director of public relations for the John Birch Society.

HIS WORK, he said today, is developing "a massive grass roots educational effort to change the attitude of the people regarding the losing of personal freedom."

Rousselot attacked "The Great Society" and charged "it can lead to 'Soviet America' if allowed to remain unchecked."

He claimed there is a great similarity between the administration's program and the book, "The Great Society," written by a Fabian Socialist in 1915.

THE JOHN BIRCH Society is receiving "less criticism now than in the past" because we have more members and field coordinators to explain our story, Rousselot said.

The people, while they may not agree, have a better understanding of what we are trying to do.

His visit here is including sessions with Frank Mansch Jr., major coordinator for the society's Arizona-Utah-New Mexico-Colorado area. Mansch said a bookstore, the society's sixth in Arizona, will be opened June 26, at Hassayampa Hotel, Prescott.

Finance is a problem, Rousselot said. However, while the publishing of new books requires an initial investment, they become self-sustaining within six months, he added.

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SA PAUL G. TAYLOR

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On 6/11/65, Mr. Thomas G. Brussat, 3845 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, representative of the John Birch Society, appeared at this office and requested a copy of "FBI APPROPRIATION, 1966," which was supplied to him on authority of relief supervisor, SA TAYLOR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 100-0

DATE: 6/16/65

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. PYNE

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
CAROL KASSIK Complainant

Mrs. CAROL KASSIK, second grade school teacher, Chloride, Arizona contacted Deputy Sheriff Jerry Kerenz, Mohave County SO and advised that an unknown individual contacted her at her school in May 1965 and asked to be permitted to show "Patriotic Films". Without seeing the films previously she accepted the request and then learned the films were of Katanga and were not in her opinion, Patriotic.

Mrs. KASSIK was interviewed at Chloride, Arizona on 6/15/65 by SA JOSEPH R. PYNE at which time Mrs. KASSIK advised that the persons showing the films were from the John Birch Society and she was of the opinion this organization was subversive and should be investigated by the FBI. Mrs. KASSIK was informed the FBI does not investigate the activities of the John Birch Society.

The above is being furnished for record purposes as it is anticipated future correspondence may be received from this source.

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Red-Civil Rights Tie Claimed by Bircher

Origins of extreme agitation in the South by civil rights groups can be traced back to communism, the national director of public relations for the John Birch Society said here yesterday.

John Rousselot of Arcadia, Calif., said in an interview that the types of agitation programs proposed by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, CORE, SNCC and related groups, are suggested in a booklet published in 1928.

Rousselot, who was here the past two days to raise funds and to seek new members for JBS, said the booklet is titled "The Negroes and the Soviet Republic." He said it was written by Joseph Pogany, a Communist who came to this country from Hungary, using the alias John Pepper.

POGANY, continued Rousselot, was on direct orders from the late Joseph Stalin to organize "the Negro forces to aid the Communists in this country."

He said JBS is not concerned about the genuine desire of Negroes and other groups to improve their status and position in civic affairs. Our concern is that we now see an effort on the part of some groups to purposely stimulate unnecessary agitation in many parts of the South and the North, but primarily in the South.

The patterns of agitation, he said, are similar to that used last summer. The society knows this, he said, because JBS members and others have attended seminars conducted by such groups as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

AT THESE seminars, Rousselot said, college students are encouraged to spend the summer in the South on a paid basis to purposely stimulate all kinds of strange activities under the guise of calling for civil rights registration for vot-

Rousselot said the civil rights groups have maps showing counties and localities considered ripe for conflict. The purpose of conflict, he said, is to bring about a national television coverage and federal intervention with troops.

The Communists, like this, are trying to give the impression that local law enforcement and police agencies cannot handle the situation, and that the federal government must intervene, Rousselot said.

AT THESE SEMINARS, he said, the students are encouraged to practice civil disobedience.

Rousselot, 38, has been a JBS member since 1960 and a member of its national staff since 1963. He was a California Republican congressman in 1961-62, but was defeated seeking re-election.

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Ex-Luftwaffe Pilot To Talk Here

"The Gold and Silver Situation Today" will be discussed by Dr. Hans F. Sennholz Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Phoenix Woman's Club, 302 W. Earll Drive.

Dr. Sennholz is chairman of the economics department of Grove City College, Grove City, Penn.

A frequent contributor to a number of journals, he authored "How Can Europe Survive," and co-authored "On Freedom and Free Enterprise." He is a trustee of the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists and of Young Americans for Freedom.

BORN AND RAISED in Germany, Dr. Sennholz witnessed persecutions and harassments

of Hitler's Nazi youth organizations. At 17, when World War II broke out, he was drafted into the Luftwaffe and trained as a fighter pilot.

By the end of the war, he was the sole surviving member of his family. In order to earn food ration cards, he was told to work in a labor battalion that cleared the shattered cities.

Instead, he pursued his studies at Marburg and Cologne universities.

His talk will be sponsored by the John Birch Society.

AT THE EARLIEST opportunity he came to the U.S. and became a citizen. He studied at New York University under the economist Ludwig Von Mises.

DR. HANS SENNHOLZ

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Why He Joined

Editor: The Arizona Republic

My thanks to E. D. Burchfield, (letter June 9); for helping me see the light! I now better understand how important it is for me to remain what I am—one of those horrible, radical, un-American, and super-patriotic John Birchers! Burchfield's letter was one of the best reasons for joining the John Birch Society I have ever read! It was a perfect example of ignorance, apathy, and fear. It showed me the extent of Socialist influence in our sleeping citizens. And last, but not least, it left comrade Burchfield open for some deep and honest criticism!

WILLIAM WHITMEYER
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Ex-Nazi, Economist Due

A former fighter pilot with Hitler's Luftwaffe will speak at the Women's Club, 302 W. Earll, in a John Birch Society-sponsored program tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Dr. Hans F. Sennholz, author, lecturer and chairman of the economics department at Grove City College, Grove City, Pa., will discuss, "The Gold And Silver Situation Today."

Frequent contributor to a number of journals such as "American Opinion" and "The Freeman," Sennholz was the sole survivor of his family after World War II.

He was born and reared in Germany and became part of Hitler's Nazi Youth organization while just a teenager. At 17, when World War II broke out, he was drafted into the Luftwaffe and trained as a fighter pilot.

When the war ended, he was told to work in a labor group to clear shattered cities to earn his food ration cards. He quietly revolted against this and pursued his studies at Marburg and Cologne Universities.

Later he came to the U.S.

and became an American citizen. Dr. Sennholz studied at New York University under noted economist Ludwig Von Mises, and took philosophy and economy under Wilhelm Roepke.

Dr. Sennholz authored the book, "How Can Europe Survive?" and was co-author on the book, "On Freedom And Free Enterprise," both published by D. Van Nostrand.



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A Conservative View

Buckley's Broadside Brings Birch-Barker Bombardment

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The skipper of the Suzie Wong, William F. Buckley Jr., is catching a terrible lot of flak these days. He is getting hit by dive bombers, armor-piercing shells, and cannonades of grape from the John Birch Society, and he needs a hand from his conservative friends and his liberal foes alike.

It seems impossible that anyone should be unaware of the affable Mr. Buckley; but for the record, he is editor of National Review, a conservative fortnightly now almost 10 years old; he writes a widely syndicated column; he is the author of several books, and he is just possibly the best catch-as-catch-can debater on stage. He looks a little like John Barrymore, and he speaks with a combination rush and drawl like a Ferrari down-shifting on a hairpin curve. He is the most colorful journalist to come along since Westbrook Pegler t.r.o.m.p.e.d. across the land, and that is not all. He is the only Republican now running for mayor of New York.

THESE DIVERSIONS all contribute in some fashion to his principal occupation, which is stirring up the animals. Last month, in a column dealing with the John Birch Society, he succeeded rather better than he knew. Tossing prudence over the stern, like an empty tin of caviar, he quoted at devastating length from the then current issue of the John Birch magazine. "One continues to wonder," he said, "how it is that the membership of the John Birch Society tolerates such drivel."

Whereupon, the bombardment commenced. Now the fact is

that the quoted stuff was indeed drivel. Flapdoodle. Piffle. Here one learned, from the Birchers' official magazine, speaking of judges, that "the conspiracy has slipped criminals into lower courts." The Supreme Court "is working for a foreign dictatorship." Communist domination of the departments of the federal government "is too obvious to require much comment." A gang under the direction of Nicholas Katzenbach kidnapped General Walker "in obedience to the specific demands of the Communist party." And so forth.

FOR HIS PAINS in slicing up this baloney, Mr. Buckley has spent the past month under unrelenting fire. The flak is not causing great harm to the skipper himself; his strength is as the strength of 10, because his heart is pure. But the Birchers' furious reaction is causing real concern for the survival of National Review, and this should be the concern of all men, whatever their political philosophy, who find pleasure in rational debate upon the great conservative and liberal positions of our time. The magazine, like other journals of political opinion, is barely keeping its head above the fiscal waters; it is sustained by lifebelts provided by a few friendly conservatives who understand its value to the conservative cause. Deprived of this support, it will sink.

Now is the time for all good men, etc. The conservative philosophy has great value to the country, even if the country

has not paid much attention to it lately, and the melancholy truth (as seen from over here on the right) is that opportunities for national exposition of these admirable doctrines are getting fewer all the time.

TO BE SURE, we have on our side the stentorian voice of David Lawrence, the harumphs and barks of Human Events, the firm homilies of Reader's Digest, and a small chorus of pundits who sing in a low and growing bass. Mainly, we have, for national argumentation, Mr. Buckley's fortnightly, where the rapiers are sharp and the shillelagns all have knots on them, and conservative thought has room to turn around. It is profoundly discouraging that genuinely conservative businessmen give it so little support. Doubtless the editors of the Nation and New Republic, on their side, feel the same way.

It would be ironical, indeed, if Skipper Buckley's brash and audacious vessel was sunk by those humorless torpedomen who steam from Belmont, Mass. If only a small fraction of the wealth that flows into JBS headquarters could be diverted instead to the support of the thoughtful and high-spirited conservatism of National Review, perhaps more men of independent mind might be wooed to the genial cause. Mr. Dooley used to say of the Democrats that they weren't on speaking terms with each other. It's a sad fate for us arch-reactionaries, too.

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4401 E. Monte Vista Dr.
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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :

I wish to commend you on the excellent job in writing Masters of Deceit. You not only warned the reader of the dangerous and subversive activities of the Communists, but also of the acts of "loyal and patriotic but misguided Americans" who label 'communist', anyone who disagrees with them. You further state that, "Smears, character assassination, and the scattering of irresponsible charges have no place in this nation. They create division, suspicion, and distrust among loyal Americans- just what the communists want- and hinder rather than aid the fight against communism."

I sincerely believe that this is the case of most, if not all of the extreme right-wing organizations, of which one called The John Birch Society is the biggest and most powerful.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, has made the following statements:

"Incidentally, as I indicated just now in passing, one of the hardest things for the ordinary decent American to realize is that a secret Communist looks and acts just like anybody else, only more so. That anybody he, the ordinary decent American happens to know personally, could possibly be a Communist." Blue Book, Twelfth Printing, page 97.

"And democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans both found out, and as I believe every man in this room clearly recognizes -- democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud." Blue Book, Twelfth printing, p. 159.

"On January 20, 1953, Dwight Eisenhower was inaugurated as the thirty-fourth President of the United States. He thus became, automatically and immediately, captain and quarterback of the freeworld team, in the fight against Communism. In our firm opinion he had been planted in that position, by Communists, for the purpose of throwing the game." (his emphasis) The Politician, Sixth printing, page 133.

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The John Birch Society members, as a whole, agree with the first two statements by Mr. Welch but a few disagree with his statement about former President Eisenhower, although they don't voice this dissent very loudly, nor very often. This may be explained by the following paragraph which appears in the application for membership into the John Birch Society:

"If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance." (emphasis mine)

Although Mr. Welch claims this is a provision for enabling them to expel communists, it can also be used to keep out honest dissent.

As you and I both know, extremism from either side is dangerous to us and our country. Please warn us, the American people, of the ideals and activities of all extremists, and not just those of the left wing. Please investigate these organizations and report to us so we know what we are facing.

Please send me any information you have on the John Birch Society and other right wing organizations, as well as Dan Smoot and Karl Prussion.

Thank you very much for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Terry J. Lehring
Mr. Terry J. Lehring

September 8, 1965

Mr. Terry J. Lehrling
4401 East Monte Vista Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85716

Dear Mr. Lehrling:

I received your letter of August 31st and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit." It is hoped my future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment specifically as you indicated. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

With respect to Karl Prussion, he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. On the other hand, Dan Smoot was a Special Agent of the FBI from March, 1942, to June, 1951, at which time he voluntarily resigned. Their personal ventures and their opinions are strictly their own, and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Birchers to Honor Founder at Dinner

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, will be honored at a \$25-per-plate dinner Sept. 25 in the Hotel Westward Ho.

Taylor Caldwell, author, will be principal speaker at the fund-raising dinner which will be sponsored by Arizona members of the society.

Miss Caldwell's latest book is "A Pillar of Iron." This work, according to a John Birch spokesman, reveals the parallel between the destruction of the Republic of Rome and the decline of the American Republic. ingly aware of the parallels between America's policies and those of other countries which have fallen to the Communists.

Tickets to the 7:30 p.m. dinner are available at American Opinion bookstores in the Valley.

WELCH, a native of North Carolina who founded the John Birch Society seven years ago, still heads the group which describes itself as the world's largest anti-Communist organization.

Welch went to the University of North Carolina and later attended the United States Naval Academy and Harvard Law School.

AS A STUDENT of the Communist menace since the 1930s, Welch says, he became increas-

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Birch Head Due Honors At Dinner

Taylor Caldwell, called the most widely read living author, will present the featured address at a testimonial dinner for Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, Saturday, Sept. 25, at Hotel Westward Ho. The \$25 a plate dinner is being sponsored by the Arizona members of the John Birch Society.

Miss Caldwell's first novel, "This Side Of Innocence," sold nearly two million copies. Some of her best known works include "Dear And Glorious Physician," "The Sound of Thunder," "The Devil's Advocate," "Never Victorious," "Never Defeated," "Prologue to Love" and "Grandmother and the Priests."

The dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. with the program following at 8:30.

Tickets are available at three American Opinion Bookstores: 1812 W. Camelback, Phoenix; 16 S. Marshall Way, Scottsdale; and 1136 W. University Drive, Mesa. They can also be purchased by writing Robert Welch Testimonial Dinner, 9415 N. 24th St., Phoenix.

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In Defense Of John Birch Society

To the Editor of The Gazette:

Too many people today are like the proverbial ostrich which buries its head in the sand. This is the reason more are not informed about the insidious inroads the Communists have made and continue to make into all facets of our society. They are equally ignorant of what the Conservatives are doing to combat these activities.

In speaking to a man recently about the John Birch Society, I received this comment, "I am not interested in any organization which does nothing but talk and wave flags." This man clearly does not read even his newspapers, in which there are often items telling about the effect of the John Birch Society and other Conservative organizations in politics and other related subjects. Some illustrations follow.

WHEN THE MUSIC Center in Los Angeles was being built, someone donated a United Nations flag to the board of directors with the idea that it be used on the building from the time of its dedication. The many letters sent by Conservatives, many of whom are members of the John Birch Society, had a deterring influence. At the dedication the American flag was used and still flies over this beautiful edifice.

Recently a bill was introduced which, if passed, would have meant we would have Soviet consulates in the major cities of the United States. With this would go immunity for all those connected with the consulates. At the point when it looked as though this bill would be passed, an item in the news said it was to be postponed until the next session. Even Sen. Fulbright, no friend of the Conservatives, gave his opinion that he couldn't understand how a small organization like the John Birch Society was so powerful when much larger groups weren't able to accomplish things like the postponement of the above bill.

Finally, a word about the smears the Communists have made about the John Birch Society: it was only because this

group of dedicated Americans unearthed activities and plans of the Communists long before the latter expected such information to leak through to the general public that we received blasts and accusations of being subversives, anti-Semites, and gun-carriers.

As an active member of the John Birch Society, I fail to see that we deserve the accusation of being flagwavers and talkers, but not doers.

MARIE O. CRAIG

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Rousselot to Emcee Birch Testimonial

FORMER U.S. Rep. John H. Rousselot will be master of ceremonies for the Robert Welch testimonial dinner Saturday at Hotel Westward Ho.

The \$25-a-plate dinner honoring Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, is being sponsored by Arizona members of the society. Nearly 1,000 reservations have been received for the dinner, according to Dr. Seymour Weisman of Phoenix, dinner chairman.

ROUSSELOT, a Republican congressman from California in 1961-62, is national public relations director for the society.

The keynote address will be delivered by Taylor Caldwell, author of such best-sellers as "Dear and Glorious Physician" and "This Side of Innocence." Miss Caldwell will autograph her latest book, "A Pillar of Iron," Saturday afternoon at Gautier Bookstore, 5036 N. Central.

MISS CALDWELL will be introduced at the banquet by Frank Cullen Brophy of Phoenix, national council member of the John Birch Society. Also on the program will be John Schmitz, a California state senator and a member of the society.

Welch and Schmitz also will speak at a press conference at 4-15 p.m. Saturday at the Phoenix Press Club in Hotel Westward Ho. The conference is open to club members.

TICKETS FOR the dinner are available at the American Opinion bookstores, 1812 W. Camelback, Phoenix; 16 S. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, and 1136 W. University Drive, Mesa. They also can be purchased by writing Robert Welch Testimonial Dinner, 9415 N. 24th St.



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Welch Cites Gain By Birch Society

The John Birch Society has doubled its membership since the Kennedy assassination, founder Robert Welch asserted here today.

He said that there are 60,000 to 100,000 members.

WELCH, HERE for a testimonial banquet given by the local Birch group tonight in the Hotel Westward Ho, declared that the greatest threat to the American republic is "The whole Communist conspiracy." The danger largely stems from internal subversion, he added. "It's in everything," he asserted.

The Birch Society chief said, for example, that the American press has Communists in "strategic, not high places."

He explained that he referred to "layout-head writers, advertising agencies and so on."

"I don't think Communists have 1 per cent of the American press," he conceded. He went on to say that 98 per cent of government employees are perfectly loyal. "I don't think they have 2 per cent."

IN A SKY HARBOR airport interview, Welch reserved com-

ment on a report that Ronald Reagan, California movie star and politician, had renounced Birch support in his campaign. Welch said he wanted to see the report and check it before commenting.

He made no bones about the society's desire to have its members "get in the PTA and become influential — and take over."

He explained that the suggestion to go into the PTA was made five years ago because the society wished to have its members in the PTA, where their influence would count.

WHILE WELCH does not consider Phoenix to be a stronghold of his society, nevertheless he declared, "Phoenix is strong for us. There are a lot of good people in the top group."

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Welch Blames Reds in Killings

By HAROLD R. COUSLAND

RACIAL KILLINGS in the South are perpetrated by Communists to warn Negroes not to oppose the civil rights movement, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, asserted yesterday.

And such racial atrocities will continue in order to dramatize a "terrific propaganda drive" inspired by the Reds in support of a "Negro Soviet Republic" that would be carved from the Southern states, Welch declared.

Welch, a former Chicago candy manufacturer who said he has devoted his life to

fighting communism by exposing what they're doing, made the comments to 100 persons at a Phoenix Press Club forum.

He later addressed 1,000 persons who attended a \$25-a-plate Robert Welch Testimonial Dinner last night in Hotel Westward. He sponsored by Arizona members of the John Birch Society.

After the diners were inside, nine members of the Young Democrats Club of Arizona State University picketed for five minutes outside the hotel. The picketers carried signs reading "America Needs Welch Like Germany Needs Hitler", "Goldwater Don't Like Welch No More", "Birchism: Let None Dare Call It Reason", and "Robert Welch: My Favorite Martian".

FEATURED speaker of the testimonial dinner was author Taylor Caldwell, who said she had "come to mourn America" and "sing the song of doom".

Other speakers who joined her along with Welch were John H. Rousselot, national public relations director for the society; John Schmitz, California state senator; and Frank Allen Brophy of Phoenix.

nix, national council member of the society.

Miss Caldwell proclaimed: "A people without vision must perish; we have lost vision and we must perish. We have lost, not because of our government, but because of tens of millions of stupid alleged citizens."

"EVERY conservative who piteously believes he can awaken the American people to God and George Washington is bound to end up in the wilderness," Miss Caldwell declared. "America is a cowardly country now. Americans are scared their fat incomes may be lost."

"They're scared that some crisis may deprive them of ballgames, funtimes and little beastly pleasures. Americans should desert their funtimes and try to develop a little muscle, but they won't."

In thanking those that honored him, Welch said communism is the cause of the symptoms Miss Caldwell described.

"WE SHALL go on shouting in the wilderness until we are heard in the marketplace," he declared, "and until our sentence of doom is reversed."

"The cataclysm to save America is going to be the John Birch Society," he said. "The communists have now unleashed a campaign of attack against us that makes all earlier ones look like mere pilot operations."

Welch also said in his concluding remarks that he did not "despair how bad the human race is" as much as Miss Caldwell.

At the start of the afternoon press conference, Welch turned his head, squinted and shielded his eyes from the lights of television and press cameras.

"I LOST HALF of my eyesight for six months once," Welch said about the glare. "I just can't take the flashbulbs." And he added in reference to the large crowd: "I expected four or five reporters. I am amazed."

He spoke and answered questions for 45 minutes, concluding with his statements on civil rights.

"We can prove to you practically everything being done in the civil rights movement today is in accordance with Communist plans," charged Welch.

On the entry of civil rights leader Martin Luther King into foreign affairs, the Birch Society founder retorted: "We have no use for Martin Luther King in foreign affairs, or domestic affairs either."

WELCH DECLINED to comment on statements this week by movie star Ronald Reagan, who is being touted as a GOP gubernatorial candidate in California. Reagan reportedly said he did not want support from the John Birch Society.

Welch said he knew nothing about Reagan's statement and that for the society to take a position on political candidates "would be fatal."

"It is not our job to make up minds for our own members, and I don't want to guide them politically," he said.

BUT WELCH DID say that the one chance of the Republican Party's coming back is to stand firm on conservative principles.

In regard to charges that the Birch Society has mounted a large-scale campaign to take over Parent-Teacher Associations, Welch replied: "That's silly."

He said that five years ago, a society bulletin urged members to go into PTAs and "take over" because the "national PTA leadership" was dominated by "extreme liberals."

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"That was five years ago and we haven't mentioned it since," Welch noted. But he said that participation in PTA groups by society members would be "very wise" and "good citizenship."

HE SAID EVEN economic prosperity could be a worry to the country "because in this country we are being corrupted into letting all sorts of things happen because people think they never had it so good."

"We believe Communist infiltration in the United States has gone a long way in every division of national life," Welch said. "My guess is that Communists don't have 2 per cent of the federal employees, but with 3 per cent, they can take over any organization of any kind."

AND WELCH declared "Those 2 per cent are strategically placed and know what they're doing and have tremendous influence."

Welch said the John Birch Society, now seven years old, has between 60,000 and 100,000 members, and 250 employees with a total payroll of \$40,000 a week.

He said the society has 340 bookstore units around the country, and its printing bills amount to \$125,000 a month for the publications it produces.



Republic Photo by Larry Rapp

QUICKIE PICKETS—Five of nine youths identifying themselves as Arizona State University Young Democrats picketed Robert Welch's appearance at his testimonial banquet last night in Hotel Westward Ho.



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Phoenix Birch Society Holds Testimonial For Founder Robert Welch

Welch, Standing, Flanked By Birch Publicist John Rousselet and Novelist Taylor Caldwell

1,000 Due For Welch Testimonial

Attendance of more than 1,000 persons is expected at tomorrow evening's testimonial dinner for Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

The \$25-a-plate dinner in Hotel Westward Ho will feature Taylor Caldwell, one of the world's most widely read authors, as principal speaker; State Sen. John Schmitz of California; and John Rousselot, former U.S.



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congressman, who will be master of ceremonies. Miss Caldwell will be introduced by Frank Cullen Brophy of Phoenix, a member of the John Birch Society's national council.

The Welch dinner is sponsored by Arizona members of the Birch group. Dr. Seymour Weisman, Phoenix physician and dinner chairman, said advance reservations, totalling nearly 1,000, have come in from all over Arizona, as well as from Utah and New Mexico. The dinner is the first in a series of seven planned for various parts of the country this fall.

Welch is scheduled to arrive in Phoenix late tomorrow morning. He and Schmitz, who is a professor of philosophy and political science, an ex-Marine and Birch society member, will appear at a Phoenix Press Club Forum at 4:15 p.m. tomorrow.

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Birch Issue Enters Glendale Election

A Citizen group supporting John F. Long warns "there is a real danger of a John Birch (Society) takeover of our high schools" if Jack Lester is elected to the Glendale Union High School board.

The Northwest Citizens for

Good Schools met last night at Cross Roads Methodist Church and issued a statement containing the warning, adding that "Mr. Lester is an admitted member of the John Birch Society and is editor of a pro-Birch magazine which he called The Vigilante, now renamed The World In Context."

The statement contended, "There are already on the Glendale high school board at least two members who have shown themselves sympathetic to extremist ideas and susceptible to extremist pressures. We refer to Mrs. Graydon Hall and Mr. Don Sanderson."

If Long isn't re-elected, the group declared, "there will be a three-member ultra-conservative majority which can and very possibly will wreak havoc with our high schools."

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Birch Society Is Denounced By GOP Leaders

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WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Senate and House Republican leaders said today there is no place in the Republican Party for the John Birch Society.

Speaking of the Birchites, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said, "they are not a part of the Republican Party, they never have been and they never will be."

REP. GERALD R. Ford of Michigan was just as emphatic. He described the militantly conservative society as a monolithic organization that takes orders from the top and declared, "There is no place for it in the Republican Party."

The GOP congressional leaders, at a joint, televised and broadcast news conference, were asked about a statement of Sen. Thruston B. Morton, R-Ky., that Birchites are infiltrating the Republican Party.

Dirksen and Ford were asked if they agreed with Morton, a former GOP national chairman, who had bracketed the Birch Society with the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party as dangerous, clandestine groups. Morton said Birch members ought to be kicked out of GOP ranks, and added that "their idea of taking over a party is to beat the Republican incumbent."

"THE JOHN Birch Society is not a part of the Republican Party," Dirksen said. "In the American political scheme, I do not think there is any place or any room for an organization that operates on a secret basis to achieve its political goals."

Dirksen said the Republicans have never been "encumbered by a group like ADA"—Americans for Democratic Action, which describes itself as dedicated to liberal causes and is usually aligned with the Democrats.

"We don't believe in extremes," Dirksen said.

DIRKSEN ALSO recalled that Birchites have demeaned, as he put it, GOP leaders like former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the late John Foster Dulles.

"We emphatically reject that sort of thing," Dirksen said.

Ford said the Republican legislative record is in conflict with the stands taken by the John Birch Society.

"I AM CONCERNED about any political action group that operates under a clandestine cloak," Morton said in an interview. "The political dialogue has to be in the open."

Morton said Birch Society influence should be ousted from the GOP.

In Los Angeles, former Rep. John H. Rousselot, now a Birch society representative, said Morton was "confused and misled by the unfortunate pressures being purposefully stirred in Washington at this time to jump on the JBS."

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The John Birch Society

In recent days the John Birch Society has come in for severe verbal drubbing from politicians who, although personally unsympathetic to the Birch philosophy, have usually been reluctant to denounce any but the most patently lunatic Bircher theories.

Now, however, in what looks like a co-ordinated Republican strategy, Sen. Everett Dirksen, Rep. Gerald Ford, and Sen. Thruston Morton have said there is no room for the Birch Society in the Republican party. And Barry Goldwater has called upon Birchers to resign from the society and devote their political energies to the Republican party.

What was the reaction of Birch founder Robert Welch to these suggestions? According to a news story in the Oct. 12 Los Angeles Times, Welch said that those GOP officials who have attacked the JBS "are victims of Communist plotting."

The world, as interpreted by Robert Welch, is in the throes of a gigantic Communist plot in which everyone but he and you—and he isn't so sure about you—is suspect.

The Supreme Court? Obviously it is staffed with Communists.

THE U.N.? "Conceived, established, and run by Communists," as Mr. Welch said during his Los Angeles visit.

De Gaulle? A Communist—as thoroughly Red as those other two subversives, Dwight Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles.

The Birch Society is not, as Senator Morton contends, as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist party. The worst—and best—that can be said about the society is that it is absurd—an organization which scarcely anyone, other than its immediate membership and some overwrought critics, takes at all seriously.

The John Birch Society is not fighting communism—it is hurting the Republican party by scaring away those political moderates the GOP must attract to win elections.

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It is nonsense to maintain, as intolerant critics have done, that Birchers—merely because they are Birchers—are automatically unfit to be school board members, officers in the PTA, or candidates for elective office. It is part of the American tradition that, except for members of parties which seek to overthrow the government by force, everyone is free to participate in our democratic process. Were it not so, ex-Ku Klux Klansman Hugo Black would not be a member of the Supreme Court today.

NO ONE questions the patriotism of the Birchers. But we seriously question the judgment of an organization which considers everything from the civil rights movement to fluoridation of water part of a conspiracy hatched in the cellars of the Kremlin.

It is not anti-communism to charge liberals or Socialists with being Com-symp, or fellow travelers, or soft on communism. Such irresponsible labelling merely calls into disrepute the entire anti-Communist cause. And an organization which so preaches, as National Review recently pointed out, drains a great deal of money in cultivating points of view whose bearing on the anti-Communist struggle is harmful.

The Birch Society itself is, in our opinion, of little consequence—as any ludicrous organization ultimately becomes. What is of consequence are those otherwise well-meaning people, in or out of the JBS, who share Robert Welch's fantasies; his misinformed, conspiratorial view of history.

Somehow both the Democratic and Republican parties must undertake to educate Birch members along proper anti-Communist lines, so that their commendable zeal and misplaced energy can be channeled along constructive paths.

Pursuit Of Extremism

By ART BUCHWALD

WASHINGTON — Oh, pity the poor John Birch Society. Everybody is knocking each other over the disabow its members. First Sen. Thruston Morton, then Senator Dirksen and Congressman Gerry Ford followed by Dick Nixon. And even Barry Goldwater of the famed "extremism in the pursuit of" line has urged the John Birchers to resign from the Society and work for the Republican party. Finally, William Buckley's conservative National Review devoted an issue to the John Birchers and found them wanting in all departments.

For the first time the conservatives have decided that the "pursuit of extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice."

It must be very lonely to be so far out of touch with everyone in the United States and, when I read of all the disavowals, my first fear was that the John Birchers might disappear from the American scene, which would be an incalculable loss to the way-out fringe of the country.

Bust as luck would have it, I sat next to a man on a plane who said he was a member of the Communist party. I mentioned to him how depressed I was by the people who were attacking the JBS and he said, "We'll take 'em if nobody wants 'em."

"You'll take them?"

"Why not? The Communist party has never turned down a nut yet."

"But they are sworn enemies of the Communist party."

"Are you kidding? They maintain that 60 per cent of the U.S. government is made up of Communists. Even the Soviet Union has never claimed that. The John Birchers can find Communists in the United States where no one knew they existed. They make us look pretty good back home."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well, all we have to do is send back to Moscow John Birch literature and our bosses read it and say, 'Our people in the United States are really on the ball.' According to this stuff, there are Communists everywhere. I was given a raise just by sending the Kremlin a pamphlet which proved the State Department was composed mostly of Soviet secret agents."

"I could see where Moscow would be impressed," I said. "But how would you propose taking the John Birchers into the party?"

"We'll go to them and say, 'Look, comrades, apparently no one wants you in the United States and nobody wants us. But we need each other. You can't raise any money without Communists, and we can't get credit for infiltrating the whole framework of the American government alone. So let's join forces. Between the two of us we can knock the pins right out of the American system. We'll look good and you'll look good.'"

"But the John Birchers are super-patriots," I said. "They would never join the Communist party."

"Everyone needs love and acceptance. If we don't love them, who will?"

"How would you work?"

"They're pretty good at infiltrating the PTAs, police departments, and boards of education. We work more with unions, universities and Fair Play for Cuba movements. If we combine forces, we'll be unbeatable."

"I have my doubts, sir," I said. "The John Birchers may be beyond the fringe, but they would never knowingly cooperate with you people."

"Perhaps you're right. And maybe it's better if they didn't. They're helping us so much now that I'd rather not do anything to disturb them. Say, is it really true that most newspapermen are pinkos and Commie dupes?"

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Birch Leader Says Society Is Prospering

A LEADER in the John Birch Society yesterday said the organization is prospering in spite of recent attacks by Republican senators and conservatives.

Frank Cullen Brophy, 71-year-old retired banker, is one of 24 members of the anticommunistic group's national council.

He told the Casey Club:

"Despite a blitz against the society in 1961 and 1962, on orders from Moscow to destroy us, we have grown from 20,000 then to between 80,000 and 100,000 members now."

He added:

"We have been ridiculed, smeared and scorned. Now this last attack on us from conservatives is really something."

He mentioned, by name, Republican Sens. Thruston Morton of Kentucky, Everett Dirksen of Illinois, John Tower of Texas and former Sen. Barry Goldwater.

(In the October issue of William Buckley's National Review, Goldwater urged the society to replace founder Robert Welch and said Republicans should resign and devote their political energies to the GOP if Welch remains at the top.)

"I DON'T BLAME the Communists for trying to put us out of business," Brophy said, "but when Barry Goldwater and others do it, that's a little hard to take."

He asked, "Why?" then answered his own question: "They've heard for so long that we are extremists, just like the Ku Klux Klan; that we are bad people, that they are beginning to believe it."

However, he declared, the society is still going strong despite the beating it is taking from right and left.

"WE'LL SPEND about \$3 million this year, and most of that is from the little people," he said. "The big fellows won't go near us. About 500,000 pieces of literature are sent out every week, Welch told me."

In reply to a question from a reporter, Brophy said he doubts Welch would resign from the society. He described the JBS leader as "a compulsive talker but an extraordinary man."

The Casey Club is a Roman Catholic luncheon group. Brophy also is a Catholic, and he said more than half of the membership of the society is Catholic.

IN HIS MAIN talk, he noted that 111 Catholic bishops had recently signed a statement warning that the Russians will take over the United States without a shot if this country stays on its present course.

Brophy said he agreed with a conservative spokesman that the Catholic Church as a whole had "left-wing accents," because liberals have nearly total control of the Catholic press.

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High Court Called Help to Socialism

SCOTTSDALE—An official of the John Birch Society charged here last night that the United States Supreme Court is using its power to further socialism in this country.

The assertion, voiced as a warning came from Frank Marisch of Phoenix, the society's southwestern regional coordinator, during a debate sponsored by the Motorola Political Science Club.

Opposing Marisch before more than 100 club members in the Executive House was attorney Gerald Pollack of Phoenix, an executive board member of the Arizona chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"OUR FUTURE is at the mercy of the political appointees now on the Supreme Court bench—five out of nine men," Marisch warned. "The court is wielding its power for socialism."

The U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court were the topics of the debate between the two men, who represented widely differing political viewpoints. By agreement, attacks against the Birch society and the ACLU were ruled out.

Pollack, in his opening remarks, said he was satisfied that the Supreme Court over the past 13 years has expressed the rights of individuals.

HE SAID THE high court has been subjected to constant criticism while protecting the rights of minorities.

Pollack added that the court's decisions favoring defendants in criminal actions have not had an unfavorable effect, and that "the court has had a 90 per cent conviction rate since 1957," when the first of the decisions was handed down.

During his rebuttal remarks, Marisch described the Supreme Court as one that "treats subversives and Communists as

poor, mistreated individuals rather than enemies of this country."

HE CRITICIZED recent appointments to the high bench as being political, without due regard for the candidate's qualifications. He characterized Chief Justice Earl Warren as a "governor without previous judicial experience," claimed that Justice Byron White's major claim to fame is that of a former football star, and that Justice Abe Fortas offered only the background of a labor lawyer.

During a question period that followed, Pollack was asked whether he thought that a Communist might run for office in this country now that the Supreme Court has ruled that Communists do not need to register.

"I would say that the position of the ACLU is to let all the idiotic, foolish Communists who want to run for office do so, and see how many votes they get," Pollack replied.

"How many votes have they ever gotten?" he asked. "They'll get as many as they are worth."

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Anti-Birch Drive Is Expedient

Since 1961, the John Birch Society and its members periodically have made news in Arizona. There have been increasingly frequent reports that the society is becoming politically active. This is the first of seven articles assessing the accuracy of those reports.

By BERNIE WYNN
Republic Political Writer

NATIONAL Republican leaders, dismayed by the party's disastrous losses last year, have issued an ultimatum to the John Birch Society either to subordinate its goals to the GOP welfare or get out of the party.

This effort to rid the party of what some describe as the "Birch stigma" comes from liberals, moderates and even some conservatives. It is considered by many observers to be more

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a matter of political expediency than actual disagreement over political ideology. The fact is that the Birchers, whether fairly or unfairly, have acquired a bad name, and major segments of the Republican Party are becoming fearful of giving them political asylum in the face of repeated attacks.

IN ARIZONA there is much confusion in both the Republican and Democratic ranks as to the actual political influence exerted by the Birch Society. Some believe the Birchers already have "taken over" the GOP. Others maintain their influence is negligible.

After a month of delving into the welter of conflicting views, the truth, as usual, seems to lie somewhere in between. But to understand what is happening in Arizona, some background is necessary.

At the recent Western States Republican Conference in Albuquerque, Republican National Chairman Ray Bliss severely condemned Robert Welch, the society's controversial founder, and his more fanatical followers as "irresponsible radicals."

HOWEVER, HE carefully left the door open for Republicans led astray by Welch to quit the society and again become "responsible Republicans."

Thus Bliss followed in the footsteps of Sen. Thruston Morton, R-Ky., former Vice President Richard Nixon, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield and Ronald Reagan, potential GOP candidate for governor in Birch-heavy California.

Arizona's former Sen. Barry Goldwater, who last year became the rallying point for conservatism of all degrees, called for Welch's resignation. If this did not happen, he advised Birch members to quit the society and rejoin the GOP.

MANY HARD-NOSED conservatives have joined the exodus, including Phoenix attorney Demison Kitchel, Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign manager. Kitchel, for a short time before the campaign a Birch member, has formed the Free Society Association as a home for "responsible conservatism."

Kitchel said one of the association's main purposes is to draw a clear distinction between the principles of the Free Society and the creeds of "extremist" groups whose basic and laudable purpose may be the preaching of anticommunism but whose hallmark, resulting in strong public antipathy, is irresponsible leadership and untenable positions.

Even William F. Buckley Jr., publisher of the conservative National Review and a syndicated columnist, recently returned an unexpected indictment.

"I REGRET TO say that it is my judgment impossible to defend the leadership of the John Birch Society if one reads closely even its contemporary utterances," he confessed. "One continues to wonder how the membership tolerates such driver."

Why have many Republican leaders become concerned about the John Birch Society?

Washington State GOP Chairman G. Montgomery Johnson declared:

"NATIONALLY there is no organization, outside of the Democratic Party itself, which has so viciously and continuously attacked the Republican Party, Republican officeholders, Republican candidates and Republican positions than the John Birch Society."

What it seems to boil down to is that the Birchers have got a bad name among the nation's voters. And Birchers don't agree altogether with Republican Party positions and candidates.

William S. White, national political columnist, complained recently that too many politicians and editorialists can see only one sort of extremism, that of the far right. He said they deliberately ignore the nutty antics of the left wingers.

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RAY BLISS
Condemns Birch Leader



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Controversial Birch Chief

FURTHER MORE, White agrees that the Republican Party has been made a scapegoat, "simply because it shelters more true conservatives and relatively more ultraconservatives than does the Democratic Party."

Welch, the retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer with a unique flair for making startling statements, undoubtedly is the focal point of the controversy. In a sense he has become the albatross around the necks of his flock.

Mostly, this is because of his charge that President Eisenhower was a "conscious, dedicated agent of the Communist conspiracy."

AT LEAST this is the message the average American still remembers from the Birch storm which broke early in 1961. Welch countered that this was his personal view, expressed in private correspondence, not the official viewpoint of the society.

However, this "personal correspondence" later was published in book form as "The Politician" and today is being distributed nationally through the American Opinion Library, the official Birch Society publishing outlet.

In Arizona, Birch leaders staunchly defend Welch. They charge he was quoted out of context by the liberal press, which they say has joined the Communist conspiracy to destroy this nation, whether wittingly or unwittingly.

AT A RECENT recruiting session at Sun City, Tom Brussat, one of the three Arizona JBS coordinators told about 30 people that Welch offered three possible conclusions, not one, as to the reasons for what Welch believes was Ike's failure to deal effectively with communism.

Welch actually said Eisenhower either was duped by the Communists; was just a politician out to further his career; or he was a dedicated, conscious agent of the conspiracy, Brussat explained.

The Birchers blame their troubles on what they describe as "The Big Smeat" which was launched Feb. 25, 1961, in the West Coast People's World, an official Communist newspaper published in San Francisco.

THE ARTICLE charged there was a new, secret, Fascist group which was organizing "cells" all over the United

States. This was followed by contentions that the society was racist, anti-Semitic, Hitlerite, terrorist and subversive.

Members were accused of getting people fired from their jobs, telephone harassment of "comsymps," PTA infiltration, and warring against such alleged Communist-front groups as the National Council of Churches.

Then there followed the society's movement to impeach U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, the battle to get the United States out of the United Nations, war against fluoridation of public water, and more recently condemnation of the civil rights movement as a part of the Communist conspiracy.

WHETHER THE society is right or wrong about these matters makes little difference to the practical politicians. They just feel that Birchers have gained the reputation of being oddballs and kooks among a lot of voters.

Those on the inside will confirm that Barry Goldwater won the nomination in San Francisco last year primarily because Birchers packed the halls with hand-picked delegates despite desperate efforts by his campaign field staff to stop this.

THIS PROVIDED his opponent, Gov. Rockefeller, with ammunition to blast Goldwater for his "radical right" support. And Goldwater unfairly was tarred with the radical brush, losing the election by a humiliating 16-million votes.

So across the country today, Republican leaders are trying to rid the party of this radical image. Some of them feel the best way is to read the Birchers out of the GOP.

That's what the fuss is all about.

Birch Society: Function Over Form

Out of All That Is Phantom, Members Still See a Clear Purpose

(Second in a series of seven articles)

By BERNIE WYNN
Republic Political Writer

THE JOHN BIRCH Society has an estimated 2,000 members in Arizona, and they make up 100 chapters scattered over the state.

This is the figure cited by Frank Cullen Brophy, Arizona educator-banker-rancher, who is a member of the national council of the society. He has been a member and councilman since early 1961.

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Naturally, the membership bulk is in Maricopa County. But Tucson has 15 chapters and there are units in Flagstaff, Prescott, Douglas and other smaller communities.

BROPHY is the only Birch official in the state willing to talk about the society's numerical strength, although its leaders claim the organization is not secret. The founder, Robert Welch, has said the national membership ranges from 30,000 to 100,000.

Frank Marisch, Jr. of Phoenix, the society's major coordinator in Arizona, declined to discuss membership numbers or confirm whether any specific individual was associated, unless the person first had revealed his affiliation.

"I think Mr. Brophy's figures are a little low," Marisch commented. "Why don't you just forget about the number of chapters?"

Marisch explained that revealing this information is against the national policy established by Welch when he founded the society in Indianapolis in 1958 as a militant organization to combat communism and socialism.

MARISCH SAID the reason for such secrecy is to prevent harassment of members, possible loss of jobs, and to keep information about "troop strength" from the "enemy." Arizona headquarters is located at 1812 W. Camelback.

There are a number of Birchers active in the Republican Party, Marisch said. But he was unable to estimate how many. He said his office does not keep a master membership list.

Maricopa County Republican Chairman Charles Miller estimated only 5 per cent of the 968 county committeemen are Birchers. A former party official contends the number is in excess of 10 per cent.

An active Birch member probably influences 10 other persons in his orbit, Marisch confirmed. And this influence may rub off to some extent on another 90 persons.

So while relatively small in numbers, there is little doubt that the society does exert influence in politics, the schools, churches and in the community at large.

For one thing, the Birch precinct committeeman is a dedicated and tireless worker, party leaders readily admit. He'll

drop what he's doing and rush to answer a call to arms day or night regardless of the personal sacrifice.

A number of the Birchers are registered Democrats, particularly in the outlying counties. But there is little evidence that they are active in the Democratic Party in either Maricopa or Pima counties.

As George Thurman, GOP precinct committeeman and Birch section leader in Tucson, put it:

"DOWN HERE a Birch man would be slaughtered if he tried to oppose the Democratic organization as a precinct committeeman. The Democratic Party is controlled by the liberals."

Marisch said the society's first Arizona chapter was organized in 1960. Two years later it had grown to about half a dozen units. A chapter may range from five to 30 members, averaging about 20.

But during the last three years, coinciding with the rise of Sen. Barry Goldwater as the leader of the militant conservative movement, the society began to flourish. And, oddly enough, Goldwater's 1964 defeat seems to have stimulated a new growth.

MARISCH is the major coordinator responsible for Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado. His assistants are Tom Brussat, northern Arizona coordinator, and Pete Tombarido, southern Arizona.

These men are full-time workers paid by society headquarters at Belmont, Mass. They are responsible only to Welch, not to the Arizona membership.

Their job is to organize the chapters and recruit new members through presentation of films and publications, and to represent the society at public meetings. Each chapter has a leader and several chapters make up a section which also has a leader.

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FRANK MARISCH JR.
Arizona Birch Coordinator



TOM BRUSSAT
Northern Arizona Chief



PETER LOMBARDO
South Arizona Leader



FRANK C. BROPHY
National Birch Counsellor

Once a chapter reaches 30 members, it usually is split to form another unit. Units are kept small because large groups are not conducive to study and discussion.

MARISCH, as well as other Birch leaders, insist on making a distinction between the society as such and the activities of its members. The society is monolithic, demonstrating uniformity from the top down. But the chapters receive the bulk of their materials directly from Belmont headquarters.

Marisch contends the society has one function: To educate the electorate about the dangers of the "Communist conspiracy" and growing socialistic control of the federal government at the expense of individual freedom.

As Welch puts it:

"To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives and our civilization,

"To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility," and

"To restore, with brighter luster and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values and the ennobling aspirations on which our western civilization has been built."

The society's slogan is "Less Government, More Individual Responsibility, and a Better World."

"HELPING SPREAD the gospel according to Welch are 75 full-time paid professional workers across the nation and 356 American Opinion Bookstores where JB's material can be read or purchased. There are eight bookstores in Arizona.

Marisch said the educational goal of the society is to motivate its members so they will become active "in the political party of their choice." He said the society does not tell its members how to achieve political action, does not endorse or seek out candidates, does not support any particular candidate or raise funds in his behalf.

On the other hand, the individual members, or a group of them, are free to do all these things, he said. In reality they often do and that is where they sometimes collide with the political leaders.

To many, it is difficult to distinguish where education leaves off and action begins. Some don't acknowledge the distinction at all, believing Welch pulls the strings in Massachusetts, and Birchers jump to attention in Arizona.

MOST CHAPTERS hold one general and one business meeting each month. Meetings usually are held in individual homes. Visitors are urged to attend the general sessions, but most of the business sessions are for members only.

Dues are \$2 a month and go to national headquarters. Each chapter is required to be self-supporting and pay for its own local projects, such as signs, parade floats and "Let Freedom Ring" automatic telephone recordings (Phoenix 258-3939).

Last Nov. 11 there was a recruiting session held in the First Federal Savings and Loan auditorium at Sun City. It was attended by 30 elderly persons from the adjacent retirement community.

Coordinator Brussat explained to the oldsters that the society neither asks nor expects all of you to agree with us. But he said the organization is not secret, Fascist, crackpot, racist or a third political party.

He was introduced by chapter leader Ray Coleman who said there already were two units in Sun City. Coleman estimated half of those present were society members.

TWO FILMS were shown. The

first featured the background of the society's namesake Capt. John Birch, the hard-core young American missionary who was killed in 1945 by Chinese Communists. "The first American victim of World War III."

The film uses the best propaganda techniques for stimulating emotional appeal in both men and women. There were pictures of Birch as a baby, a child, young man, military officer, minister, a long-drawn out scene of his graveside execution and a dramatic display of Communist military might and ruthlessness.

Back at the ranch, Americans are shown gambling, dancing, jamming, carnivals and sporting events while the Reds go about plans for world domination. Sort of a Nero-fiddling-while-Rome-burns accusation.

The second film featured, among other scenes, a precinct worker who warned that "political action is the only way to change the United States for foreign and domestic policies, old-fashioned political action."

This action must come from outside the established parties to create an informed electorate, the audience was told.

"We know where we are going," the party worker said in the film, "and we mean business every step of the way. It's not a place for weaklings or cowards!"

What Is The John Birch Society?

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The Truth May Surprise You!

This week we are celebrating our seventh anniversary. We are glad to take the occasion, therefore, to give as much of an answer to the above question as space will permit, for those who really want to know. So—

I. Let's Start At The Beginning.

The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It was chartered under the General Laws of Massachusetts as a non-profit educational organization. We have lived up meticulously to those specifications (including not making any profit) for seven years.

During these seven years we have sought to bring into The John Birch Society only men and women of good character, humane consciences, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose — in word and deed — which our children's children may follow without hesitation.

Members of the Society are of all races, colors, and creeds. We are of all social, economic, and educational levels. We are individualists who disagree among ourselves about many things. But we are firmly united in devotion to those beliefs, principles, and purposes which we do hold in common. For we have voluntarily joined together:

(1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our freedom, our lives, our country, and our civilization;

(2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;

(3) To restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

II. So We Collide With Communism

These purposes bring us immediately into conflict with the Communists, on two levels. For on the ideological plane the Communists seek always and everywhere to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and an amoral world. And on the plane of action, until the Communists can be stopped from completing their subjugation of the whole world, there will be no opportunity for us to move forward at all towards our permanent goals.

We have undertaken, therefore, to play a leading role in slowing down, stopping, and eventually routing the Communist conspiracy. We realize that the one thing no conspiracy can withstand is the light of day on its activities. The only danger to their gigantic conspiracy which the Communists fear is exposure. For this reason, we do all that we can to bring to our fellow citizens more knowledge and a better understanding of the methods, the progress, and the menace of the Communist machine. In this undertaking we have become a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have never faced before in any of the vast areas they have already taken over.

So the Communists, grasping this fact very early, set out in 1961 to destroy us. The most official Communist publication in the United States is *The Worker*, in which the line is laid down for the faithful. During the last six months of 1961 there was, we believe, only one issue of this weekly paper which did not contain an attack somewhere in its pages on The John Birch Society; and a number of issues contained as many as six or seven separate attacks on us at that many different places. The Comsymps got the point, and have been carrying out the indicated program with increasing furor ever since.

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Of course the Communists follow Lenin's basic strategy of advancing Communism by non-Communist hands. They could never impose the tyrannical rule of some three percent of a population over the whole population — which they repeatedly do in one country after another — unless they could inveigle enough non-Communists and even anti-Communists among that other ninety-seven percent into doing their dirty work for them. Deceptively appealing, for instance, to every motivation in human character, from sordid selfishness to "practical politics" to misguided idealism, they have gradually beguiled a lot of very good Americans into joining the attack on us. Until the mauling of The John Birch Society has now probably exceeded in intensiveness and extensiveness that faced by any other organization in all American history. And in general our defamers do not even try to refute the facts on which we focus attention. They merely call us names for bringing these facts to light.

III. And Stir Up The Politicians

The John Birch Society is in no sense a political organization. We try to give our members information, understanding, and — we hope — even inspiration, which will make them better citizens. As good citizens they may take an active part in politics. But each member does so entirely on his own, working in the party of his choice, for the candidate of his choice, exactly as do members of the American Legion or of the Knights of Columbus or of the Rotary Club or a Baptist Church.

For we regard education as the means, and political action as only the mechanics, for bringing about improvements in government. The mechanics will automatically be used when sufficient education has prepared the way. We mean it quite literally, therefore, when we say that education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon. Or, as made clear throughout the Blue Book and emphasized on its last page, our gigantic task is simply to create understanding.

Members of The John Birch Society, however, are extremely hard working, highly respected in their local communities, and always earnestly determined on behalf of any cause or candidate that they support. When circumstances bring any appreciable number together behind any particular candidate, their weight is out of all proportion to their numbers. And that weight is usually felt, of course, on the side of the Conservatives — of either

party. So the Liberals of both parties naturally raise all the clamor they can against Birchers in politics. As the stronghold of the Liberals on both parties now steadily increases, even Conservative politicians feel unceasing pressures to "improve their images" by joining the chorus of attack on The John Birch Society. Very few of them indeed have ever realized the extent to which they were running interference for the Communists.

A related part of the mammoth and many-faceted campaign which the Communists have now generated against us is the deliberate and widespread attempt to associate The John Birch Society in the public mind with the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and other so-called "extremists of the left and of the right." Our approach to the problems of today is so different from the viewpoint of the Klans that we have never knowingly admitted a member of any Klan into the Society. We estimate that about forty percent of our total membership is Catholic. Many of our finest Chapter Leaders are Jewish. And we are very proud of our small but growing number of Negro members, who are working so hard — and so courageously — with us to show our fellow citizens, both white and colored, how the Negroes are being used today by the Communists to serve Communist purposes.

So we have no similarity or sympathy whatsoever with the Klans. While the so-called American Nazi Party, according to J. Edgar Hoover, has less than one hundred members. And it is visibly given immense publicity by some media for the very purpose of using it, by utterly false association, to discredit The John Birch Society.

Nor is this campaign intended to serve simply the purpose of a vague and general discrediting of the Society; or of merely discouraging our members and prospective members. There are plotters behind it who are obviously working towards a more specific goal. They wish to establish in the public mind, and then to formalize the concept that since the Communists and Ku Kluxers and John Birchers are all "just alike," and since the Communists and Ku Kluxers are visibly "subversive," then The John Birch Society is "subversive" too. We believe it is to this end, at least in part, that so many high ranking politicians have been seduced into speaking out against us.

IV. What Have We Accomplished?

We have established a nationwide educational army. It has a fully paid field staff. This army is fighting with facts as its only weapons. And the whole army knows that to be better informed is to be better armed.

For help towards informing ourselves first, and then others, we established a publishing division. It is now turning out books and pamphlets with a retail value of about four million dollars per year. The

Society distributes the Conservative books and reprints of approximately one hundred other publishers. And our members now operate some 350 "reading rooms that sell books," scattered throughout the country — most of them under the name of American Opinion Libraries.

We have certainly helped to re-awaken, restore, and strengthen, in tens of thousands of Americans, the three great basic human loyalties: Loyalty to God, loyalty to country, and loyalty to family. The Communists know that they simply must destroy all three of these foundations of our civilization. For they can never rule "peacefully" — that is, without constant resistance — in any place or at any time where there is loyalty to anything except to the Communist state.

We were the first organization in the United States to start calling widespread attention to the world-wide Communist plot to discredit, demoralize, and destroy local police forces. Our members have distributed in leaflet form literally millions of our messages explaining what the Communists were doing in this area, and why. As a result, our **Support Your Local Police** drive has now won tremendous backing from patriotic citizens everywhere.

We are engaged in an entirely proper and constitutional movement to bring about the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. As only one result of our educational efforts in support of that movement, we have awakened hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens to the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. Many of them have come to realize the lengths to which our Founding Fathers went in order to give us a republic (not a democracy) — if we could keep it! And a growing number now understand how important it is to the Communists to convert this republic into a democracy as rapidly as they can.

Through the distribution by our members of huge quantities of books and pamphlets, we have brought a sizeable and increasing fraction of the American people to recognize the high degree of Communist planning, influence, control and purposes involved in the "civil rights" movement. Our increasing ability to get able, informed, and patriotic Negroes to join us in this effort, especially through continuous and widespread speaking engagements, has been an important part of this service to our country.

We have helped mightily to offset the emotional and extravagant tendencies of the prejudiced and the poorly informed to blame Communism on any one group, on race or organization. The historical facts clearly reveal that the international Communist conspiracy reaches through every conceivable body it can utilize in any way to promote its ends. And we have insisted from the beginning that we are fighting the Communists — and nobody else.

The Factfinding Subcommittee of the California Senate ended the twenty-five thousand word report of its two-year investigation with these paragraphs:

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread.

"Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

What we have accomplished, above all else, is to keep The John Birch Society alive and growing, as a rallying point for the increasing number of informed and patriotic anti-Communists. Our members have achieved this result, through staggering labor and sacrifice, despite unceasing harassments, and distortions of their actions; and pressures amounting in many instances to serious persecution. And we intend to keep on growing. For we believe the incredibly vicious and massive attacks on the Society have been due, in any final analysis, not to our mistakes and our failures, but to our successes and our progress.

V. Which Do You Choose?

We cannot give you here the full basis for that choice. But let's put down a few point by point comparisons of the Society with its Communist enemies.

(1) The Communists seek unlimited power for themselves over the whole human race. The John Birch Society does not want any power at all over anybody, either now or in the future. Agreeing with Lord Acton that "power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely," the Society seeks to make progress towards its goals only by education and persuasion.

(2) The Communists believe that any means may be used to attain their ends. The Society believes that improper means are never justified by even the noblest of aims, and that means are as important as ends in any worthwhile civilization.

(3) The Communists always accuse their enemies — such as The John Birch Society — of exactly those crimes which the Communists themselves are committing. We do not bear false witness against anybody, about anything.

(4) The Communists believe that words should be used to conceal thoughts, and that promises are made to be broken. The John Birch Society believes that simple truth is the very core of morality; and that when we can persuade enough people to make truth the prerequisite to all statements and the accepted guide to all action, at least half of the world's problems will rapidly disappear.

(5) The Communists operate in secrecy and darkness. We follow the preponderant custom, among all American voluntary associations, of not publishing the list of our members. With that exception, The John Birch Society has absolutely no secrets of any kind.

(6) The Communists seek to break down all morality, all tradition, and to destroy the whole spiritual and esthetic sense of values which we have inherited. The Society believes that a reverent continuity in human affairs is of extreme importance; and that even the most desirable change should be made cautiously, in order to be sure that it constitutes improvement.

(7) The Communists believe that man is just a material combination of atoms, with no other purpose than satisfaction of the desires of the physical entity thus assembled. The John Birch Society believes that a Divine Creator has endowed man with a purpose and an "upward reach" which are far superior to, and frequently prompt a willing sacrifice of, the desires and needs of the individual himself.

(8) The Communists — Lenin, Lunacharsky, and many other leaders — openly preach that "men must learn to hate," and that only through spreading sufficient hatred can the Communists succeed in ruling the world. The John Birch Society hates nobody, not even the Communists, but only the evil which they do. The Society believes that love for one's neighbor and good will towards all men should be a fundamental motivation in all human relationships.

The Communists also pretend to believe — and some of them undoubtedly do believe — that Communism is "the wave of the future."

We believe, instead, that the whole world is now tired of so much strife and bestiality, treason and immorality, cruelty and confusion, blasphemy and destructiveness, bitterness and fear, doubt and despair that always go hand in hand with Communism. We believe that mankind may be about ready to arise, shake off this Communist tyranny and terror, and move forward again towards a more enlightened and humane existence. We are doing everything in our power, by all honorable means, to create the understanding that will produce this result.

If you have what it takes, in character and courage, then by all means join us now in our epic undertaking. With the added effort of people like yourself, and with God's help — when and because we have deserved it — we shall break up this immense criminal conspiracy, and return a world gone crazy to sanity once again.

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(A thorough introduction to the Society.)

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(Twelve famous books, in paperback editions, which give a thorough introduction to the workings of the Communist conspiracy).

ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS 50.00

(Twelve albums of two full length records each to be played in numbered sequence, which give you a comprehensive survey of all the subject matter of this advertisement).

All prices postpaid. For the above materials, or simply to have somebody from the Society get in touch with you, write to the local addresses given below.

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Selma Sheriff Coming Here

Sheriff James G. Clark, who figured in the racial strife last year at Selma, Ala., will present his views on that tense period at 8 p.m., Friday, March 11, in the Rendezvous Room of the Santa Rita Hotel.

His talk is being sponsored by the Tucson Committee to Support Your Local Police. Clyde Hatfield is chairman.

Clark, a graduate of Jones Law School, is vice president of the National Sheriffs Association and a past president of the Alabama Sheriffs Association.

The price of admission will be \$1. Tickets can be obtained at the door or during the week at the Santa Rita Hotel.

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Jewish 'Americanists' Say Birchers Not Anti-Semitic

Editor, The Arizona Republic:

Individuals, interested in Mr. Joseph Stocker's letter (March 4) headed "Investigators Say Birchers Lean Toward Anti-Semitism," are referred to a recent press release by Mr. John H. Rousselet, national director of public relations for the John Birch Society, in which he commented as follows:

"We request that those interested be directed to the Statement of Principles published in January by the Jewish Society of Americanists, which consists entirely of Jewish members of the John Birch Society who are determined to do all they can to convince other American Jews that the principles and purposes of the John Birch Society will make a better America for everybody."

The statement is as follows:

"WE, Jewish members of the John Birch Society, have formed the Jewish Society of Americanists, in order to demonstrate to our fellow Americans and co-religionists that the Americanist principles, beliefs and aims of the John Birch Society are based on the very precepts of Judaism which have become part of the foundation of our Western civilization. In addition, it is these very principles, beliefs and aims which must be adhered to if Jews are to survive as free men everywhere in the world.

"Ever since the Jewish people were freed from the bondage of Egypt, they have maintained a strong and unswerving devotion to freedom.

"Today that freedom is threatened as never before by the forces of collectivism and statism. The history of Jewish persecution is the history of a minority fighting against the persecutive tyranny of government. Neither Hitler's plans for physical extermination nor the Communists' plan for spiritual extermination could have been translated into reality had the National Socialists and Communists not achieved total political power.

"If Jews flocked from Europe to the United States, it was because they sought the congenial atmosphere of a free country in which the powers of government were limited by a wise Constitution. We, as Jews of America, realize that if we are to flourish as individual Americans and Jews, we must do all in our power to preserve the constitutional system of limited government developed by our founding fathers. Limited government is the only safeguard for individual freedom; it is the only safeguard from religious persecution and political tyranny.

"UNFORTUNATELY, many organizations which pretend to speak for the American Jewish community are organizations committed to a philosophy of unlimited government. These organizations have done everything in their power to identify the interests of the American Jewish community with the cause of political statism, appeasement of communism, and Socialist revolution.

"We affirm that the vast majority of Jews in America remain loyal to the precepts of our Constitution, to the philosophy of government expounded by our founding fathers, to the sanctity of the individual, to the concepts of free enterprise and private property. We affirm that appeasement of Communist barbarism is morally indefensible and must be opposed by all men who would live in freedom.

"We affirm our resolution to combat with all our might and resources those forces within the Jewish community which are attempting to lead us once more into the deadly clutches of the tyrannical all-powerful state. We affirm our commitment to the total cause of freedom and our support of all patriots and organizations dedicated to preserving our Constitution and a free, sovereign United States.

"We affirm that, as Americans and Jews, we have the double duty of preserving our glorious American Republic and our sacred heritage of freedom and love of God. To this end we have founded the Jewish Society of Americanists to serve as an organization through which these efforts can be doubly effected.

"WE ALSO affirm our support of and brotherly sympathy with the people of Israel in their fight to defend their hard-won independence as a nation. At the same time, we are resolved to encourage those forces within Israel which are dedicated to the concepts of limited government, economic freedom and private property, without which individual freedom and dignity is impossible.

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"As Americans, as Jews, and as members of the John Birch Society, we affirm our adherence to the aims and program of the John Birch Society as summed up in its slogan: 'Less government, more responsibility and a better world.' We also affirm our support of the founder and president of the society, Mr. Robert Welch, whose patriotism, foresight and courage has instilled in thousands of Americans the hope of eventual victory over the forces of collectivism.

"BE IT therefore resolved that we have formed the Jewish Society of Americanists to rekindle the flame of liberty in the heart of American Jewry and to pursue the battle for freedom as Americans doubly dedicated."

The officers of this organization are: chairman, Michael S. Kogan; vice-chairman, Samuel L. Blumenfeld; executive secretary, W. C. Solomon. The address is 140 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York 10027.

These officers have announced that they will welcome the correspondence, the support, and the good will of their fellow anti-Communist Americans of the Jewish faith, and of all patriotic conservative Americans of all faiths throughout our still great country.

PETER G. LOMBARDO
Coordinator,
The John Birch Society

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SCOTTSDALE — Former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson last night defended the John Birch Society as a nonpolitical and patriotic American organization.

Speaking before a partisan crowd of nearly 1,000 at Coronado High School, Benson said:

"It has been very unpopular to defend this organization. But I can remember when it was very unpopular to defend my own church."

BENSON is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Benson, who served as agriculture secretary under President Eisenhower, said he is not

a member of the Birch Society. His speech here was sponsored by the Arizona Forum for American Opinion, a speaker's platform for the Birch Society.

"I don't belong to the American Farm Bureau, the Daughters of the American Revolution or the FBI either," Benson said, adding that he had always defended those organizations too, because of their anti-Communist philosophies.

BENSON blamed attacks on the society on "the leftist-liberal element" in the United States.

"I wonder what would have happened if Lee Harvey Oswald had not been captured and

identified as a Moscow-oriented Communist agent?" he said.

"To this day," Benson said, "the liberals would have blamed the death of President Kennedy on the conservatives."

DEFENDING the conservative philosophy, he said, "History has demonstrated that the conservative opposition to the administration is not through hate but from love of country."

Benson cited his own warnings to the administration of the disloyalty of Alger Hiss and of Fidel Castro's early leanings toward communism.

Benson was introduced by Evan Mecham, former state senator.

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No Place To Go

Editor, The Arizona Republic

I see in your paper that people complain about the John Birch Society; they say that they believe former President Eisenhower was a Communist. They do not let the reader make up his own mind about it, but they know they would be sued if they made false statements.

The Birch Society should be better understood. They are the strongest voice we have here against the Communists. People who write against it should bow their heads in shame.

I lived in Hungary in 1956. We struck for freedom. We ask for recognition from the U.S. government. They sent word back they had no interest in Hungarian people. Khrushchev then crushed the people and their hopes. Communism has grown in the last 33 years because this country has given billions to the cause. I hope American people wake up, for there is no place to go if this country goes communist.

Freedom is everything.

GEORGE HARDRA
Prescott

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Hoover Seen Red Target

The Communist Party is engaged in a "vicious attack" on FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, Leonard Patterson, former Communist-turned anti-Communist, said in Phoenix today.

Patterson, 60, a former roommate of Gus Hall, a U.S. Communist Party leader, addressed the Arizona Conservative Civil Rights Seminar, a John Birch Society-associated program, at West High School auditorium today.

A new movie film on the subject, "Anarchy U.S.A.", kicked off the all-day seminar.

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Arizona Dinner Among Signs Of New Life in Birch Society

By BERNIE WYNN

A CAMPAIGN to strengthen the John Birch Society in Arizona is scheduled to be launched here Wednesday night at the Paradise Valley Country Club, it was learned yesterday.

An influential group of community leaders have been invited to a dinner at 7 p.m. to hear a Birch field representative explain the society's "real purposes and objectives."

The dinner is cosponsored by Frank Cullen Brophy, a member of the National Birch Council, and Ken Bentson, prominent Phoenix contractor and former Republican State Committee fund-raiser.

Making the pitch for the society will be Richard N. Ober, a field representative from Birch headquarters at Belmont, Mass.

Bentson said he was asked to cosponsor the event because of his personal friendship with Robert Welch, controversial head of the society.

"I've known Welch personally for several years, but I never joined the society," Bentson explained. "However, I am sympathetic with

his problem — communism is a real menace to our country and to the free world.

"I know a half dozen people on Welch's board," Bentson said. "And they are pretty fine citizens."

Brophy, a retired banker and cattleman, was not available for comment, being reportedly at his ranch near Sierra Vista.

Neither was Frank Marisch Jr., who directs activities of the society's field men in several of the Western states. He was reported to be at Albuquerque.

However, there were reports that the society, both nationally and in Arizona, has suffered from a waning interest in the past two years.

The Saturday Evening Post, regarded as a liberal magazine, contended recently that the society is on the verge of breaking up.

This was denied by Thomas G. Brussat, one of the Arizona coordinators, in a telephone conversation from Prescott. He said the society is growing at a rate of 5 per cent weekly in Arizona.

Marisch is handling all the details of the dinner, Brussat said. He understood a couple of the Massachusetts field men were scheduled to arrive from Belmont.

After a year's comparative calm, there suddenly has developed a series of attacks from the left-wing and Communist front groups, Brussat declared.

So the society is attempting to counteract these attacks by holding meetings such as the one here all throughout the nation, he added.

Brussat conjectured that the Communists and their liberal allies are launching an offensive in preparation for the 1968 presidential elections.

An informed source said Gov. Williams and several of his staff were among the community

leaders invited to the dinner.

A spokesman in the governor's office confirmed some staffers were asked to go, but was not certain if Williams was included. The governor was out of town.

However, the spokesman doubted that Williams' heavy schedule next Tuesday and Wednesday would permit him to attend the Birch function.

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John Birch Society Planning Addition of 360 Coordinators

By BERNIE WYNN

A drive to place full-time coordinators in each of the nation's 435 congressional districts was announced here last night by the John Birch Society.

Using methods proved successful in the "pilot state" of California, the society's goal is to cause "a complete turnabout in the political climate" in next year's elections.

The plan was outlined by Richard N. Ober, 37-year-old major coordinator from New England, before a small but select private dinner group meeting at Paradise Valley Country Club.

COHOSTS for the dinner, which attracted fewer than 20 non-Birch Arizona businessmen, were Frank Cullen Brophy, a member of the national council, and Ken Benton, a prominent Phoenix contractor.

Two other national council members, Gano Chance of Centralia, Mo., and Nelson Sheppard, Sioux Falls, S.D., were present, along with three of the society's Arizona coordinators.

The only political figure present was Evan Mecham, Glendale, automobile dealer and 1962 Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate.

BENTSON made it clear that he was not a Birch member but was a friend and admirer of Robert Welch, Massachusetts retired candy manufacturer who heads the controversial society.

Ober told the businessmen, invited to hear of the real purposes and goals of the society, that conservative victories will flow from a plan to expand the present 75 area

coordinators to a minimum of 435.

"If we are successful in our expansion effort, we can show you by the end of the year... a complete turnabout in the political climate," Ober declared.

HE SAID Welch in 1961 decided to plow one-third of the society's assets into an intensive drive in California, concentrating particularly on three counties: Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego.

In 1964, the Birchers were able to swing these counties so heavily into the conservative camp that Barry Goldwater won the presidential primary and then went on to take the GOP nomination, Ober said.

A later analysis of the vote showed that Goldwater majorities were heaviest in the areas having active Birch chapters, with each Bircher influencing 10 others who, in turn, affected the votes of 90 more, he added.

He said adding 360 more coordinators, each capable of recruiting 300 members, would expand the society from its present 100,000 members to 400,000.

SINCE THE California analysis revealed that each active member exerts influence over the voting habits of 100 persons, the society will then command a 40-million voting bloc, Ober reasoned.

"Just think, 35 million votes would have put Goldwater in the White House in 1964," he asserted.

But the big problem is that not enough conservatives are participating in this effort, Ober said. This is why each community must become involved in this expansion drive.

"THE JOHN Birch Society has the worst public relations image in history," he confessed. "Never has any organization been so poorly thought of by so many people."

However, Ober said this has been deliberately created by the Communist conspiracy, which controls the nation's communications media for this purpose.

While not all newsmen are Communists, Ober said enough dedicated Reds have seized control of the media to ensure false news reports from all over the world will be fed the public.

BOTH BROPHY and Ober devoted considerable time to tracing the history of the Birch founding in 1958 in Indianapolis, its warfare with the Communist conspiracy, and the nature of this conspiracy.

The late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, although unable to convince Americans of the Red menace, did set Communism back 10 years in its plan to take over America, Brophy contended.

"The North American continent is the great prize," Brophy said. "And the Communists know the Birch Society is a real menace."

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

4/20/67
Morning
BERNIE WYNN
J. EDWARD MURRAY
JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC PHOENIX ~~(100-0-6673)~~

DATE: 4/22/67

FROM : SPC DEL C. MERRILL

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING
MISC. INFO CONCERNING
ANTI- INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE RECORDING.

100-0-6673

At approx. 10:00pm, this date, Lucile Haupt, 1015 E. Filmore, Phoenix, Arizona telephonically advised this office that this date she received an anonymous phone call that told her to dial the phone number 258-3939. She stated that she did and heard a recording that sounded subversive to her.

Writer dialed 258-3939 and heard a recording denouncing the Internal Revenue Service and comparing the IRS to Hitler's Gestapo. Recording further quoted Captain Eddie Rickenbacker in stating that the IRS is a communist cancer. Many other accusations were made on this recording re the IRS.

Speaker on the recording identified himself as R. C. SMITH, 1610 Palm Craft Drive, Southwest. Recording states that more info re IRS can be obtained at 1812 W. Camelback Road, which is the AMERICAN BOOK STORE.

Phoenix indices make reference to a recording by Let Freedom Ring at this number implying that ABE FORTAS is a Communist. In that no reference is made to anti-IRS record, instant memo is presented.

*John
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Powers*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 10-24-67

FROM : SA CALVIN W. EVANS

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10-23-67 Mrs. ROCHELLE CHEPOVSKY, 525 West Earle Drive, Phoenix, Arizona, furnished the following information.

Her husband is presently a resident physician at St. Joseph's Hospital, Phoenix, and she and her husband reside at the quarters provided for internes and resident physicians at St. Joseph's. While attending a Book Review Group, Mrs. CHEPOVSKY became acquainted with a Mrs. (FNU) SEVERANCE, wife of a Dr. (FNU) SEVERANCE, who is a resident physician at St. Joseph's Hospital also.

Mrs. SEVERANCE invited Mrs. CHEPOVSKY to attending some meetings of a group studying communism. She found that these meetings are apparently meetings of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and are held each Saturday Afternoon. At the second of eight meetings of this group the guest speaker (whose name she did not know) spoke on "The Communist Conspiracy in the Southwest". The speaker seemed to be knowledgeable of the subject.

Mrs. CHEPOVSKY stated that she was from the Eastern part of the U.S. and had heard that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was "Pink" in nature and that the association between the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and BARRY GOLDWATER was the main reason for his defeat when he ran for the Presidency of the U.S. Mrs. CHEPOVSKY asked if the FBI could indicate what the nature of the Society actually was. She was advised of the Bureau's policy in regards to persons, organizations and publications and that no comment could be made concerning any of these and that no inference should be drawn. She was further advised that if she desired to determine if this group was designated pursuant to EO 10450, then she should write to the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

The above is being made a matter of record.

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4001 North 22nd Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85015

January 9, 1963

Chairman of the Board
Stelber Cycle Corporation
91-31 Queens Boulevard
Borough Park, N. Y. 11373

COPY

Dear Sirs:

I bought two Stelber bicycles to give to my sons for Christmas. Shortly after Christmas, I discovered that they were Communist-made bicycles. The American Legion told me where to look on the bicycle to find the imprint. On the master link of the chain I found the imprint "Czechoslovakia". I called the manager of Little's Department Store and requested a refund. Even though the bicycles had been used, Mr. Bachman refunded the entire purchase price.

Dr. Jerome D. Harold of the American Legion in Florida informs me that you see nothing wrong in importing Communist-made merchandise. As an American citizen, I have some questions I would like to ask you:

How do you justify helping the Communist butchers to enslave millions of people? Our money does just that! When Americans are losing their lives in Vietnam today because of Communist-made weapons and ammunition, how do you justify trade with Communist Czechoslovakia? If the almighty dollar means so much to the American businessman that he is willing to help an enemy who not only says, but in fact does, "try to buy us", then he deserves no better treatment than the slaves in Communist countries are receiving now.

I doubt if the American boys who have given their lives in Korea and Vietnam would have anything good to say about the "ties of friendship" we are attempting to build with the Communists. If this sort of thing had happened during World War II, it would have been called treason and rightly so. I have four sons who in all probability will some day be fighting the Communist armies, and I do not condone the Administration's policy of trade with our enemies.

I doubt if the people of Cuba, Hungary, Poland, East Germany, Red China, Latvia, Lithuania, North Korea, U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia, North Vietnam, Ryle-Russia, Rumania, etc., etc., would want the American people to give aid and comfort to their Communist slave masters.

God created us as free men and I believe intended us to live as free men! The Communist butchers never enslave a mind, only brainwash it! They can enslave a body but not a spirit! I know, because I am a Christian, that we will win in the end, but I could hope and pray that in the meantime every American and free man everywhere will do all that they can to alleviate the suffering and misery of those enslaved by the Communists.

Very truly yours,

Signed

62-795-153

Mathew E. Brucet (Mrs. Thomas G. Brucet)

P.S. I have filed a complaint with the Consumer Fraud Division of the Arizona State Attorney General's Office.

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cc:

Tromol Company, Kansas, Tennessee
 United States Steel Company, New York, N. Y.
 Mr. Milton Cohen, 301 West Main Drive, Phoenix, Arizona
 Mr. Bachman, Manager, Milt's, 5555 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona
 Manager, Telen Department Stores, 3100 East Thomas Rd., Phoenix, Arizona
 Editor, The Arizona Republic, 120 East Van Buren, Phoenix, Arizona
 Editor, The Review of the News, Phoenix, Ariz. 02173
 Mr. Evan Nechan, The Phoenix American, 4113 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.
 Editor, The Yakima Daily Eagle, Yakima, Washington
 Editor, The Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois
 Editor, The Berger Town News, Berger, Texas
 Mr. William P. Sargeant, M.D., Suite 1953, 100 W. Glendale, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Sen. Carl Hayden, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.
 Sen. Paul Fannin, " " " "
 Congressman Sam Steiger, House Office Bldg., " "
 Congressman John Rosten, " " " "
 Congressman Morris Udall, " " " "
 Governor Jack Williams, State Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona
 Sen. Wm. Cresley, " " " "
 Rep. Ross Stinson, " " " "
 Mayor Milton Graham, City Hall, Phoenix, Arizona
 Governor Ronald Reagan, State Capitol, Sacramento, California
 Sen. John Schmitz, " " " "
 Sen. Bill Richardson, " " " "
 Governor Lurline Wallace, State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama
 Mr. Jim Clark, Selma, Alabama
 Sen. Strom Thurmond, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.
 Sen. John Tower, " " " "
 Sen. Karl Mundt, " " " "
 Congressman Joe Fols, House Committee on Un-American Activities,
 House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.
 Chairman, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Senate Office Bldg.,
 Washington, D. C.
 Congressman James B. Utt, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.
 Mrs. G. D. Johnson, Chairman, Mother's Crusade for Victory Over Communism,
 P. O. Box 945, Mesa, Ariz., 08201
 Dr. Jerome D. Harold, Americanism Chairman, American Legion,
 8124 N.E. Second Ave., Miami, Florida 33138
 President, National Chamber of Commerce
 President, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
 Phoenix Office, Better Business Bureau
 Bicycle Institute of America, 122 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y.
 General Curtis Le May
 General Edwin Walker
 Sfc. Carl Brown, APO New York
 Lt. Horde Olson
 Sgt. Alan Davidson
 Any Serviceman, Saigon, Co. Vietnam

✓ President of the United States, The Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Phoenix (62-795)

DATE: 1-8-67

FROM : Edward E. Kunkel, CC

SUBJECT: ~~KATHRYN K. BRUSSAT;~~
~~THOMAS G. BRUSSAT;~~
~~JOHN BURCH SOCIETY~~
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING

Kathryn 100-0-6733A

Kathryn Brussat, 4001 N. 22nd ave., Phoenix, personally contacted the Phoenix office today and left the attached copy of letter she and her husband sent to numerous political and Government officials. She stated this office should be cognizant of the letter and its contents since it was sent to the above type people. The letter is basically a complaint against U.S. - Soviet Bloc Countries' trading pacts.

Kathryn Brussat stated her husband, Thomas G. Brussat, is State Co-Ordinator of John Burch Society.

The above is being made a matter of record.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Phoenix

DATE: 7/19/68

FROM :

SAC, Philadelphia (100-45661)

SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 7/12/68, Mrs. BRIDGETT ARMSTRONG, 238 Parkview Ave., Pennel, Pa., telephone number 757-7027, telephonically contacted this office to advise she had been at a charity affair held in the shopping center at Fairless Hills, Pa., during the week of 7/8/68.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG advised one of the booths at the fair was one at which visitors were requested to sign a petition against aid to Communist countries. Mrs. ARMSTRONG advised she had signed the petition and as a result she received a packet of literature from Mother's Crusade, Inc., For Victory Over Communism, P. O. Box 943, Mesa, Arizona 85201. After reviewing this information, Mrs. ARMSTRONG forwarded it to this office, for our information.

A review of the material indicates the advertisement of a book entitled "Where Do You Stand" written by William Niclaus along with the purchase of a red, white, and blue ball point pen.

Another piece of literature entitled "Fabian Freeway, - High Road to Socialism in the U. S. A., written by Rose L. Martin was also advertised.

Also enclosed was a post card entitled "Why Should We Help Communists Kill Americans", which can be purchased from Mother's Crusade.

The above described advertisements are being forwarded to your office for information purposes.

Philadelphia indices negative on any of the indicated names above.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : SA J. VERNON TUCKEY

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 6/26/68, ED MOORE, Northside Sheet Metal, 5246 Northwest Grand Avenue, Glendale, Arizona, 937-7477, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he wanted the FBI to know that the Daily Worker, organ of the Communist Party, was formerly sent to J. LESLIE HANSON in care of Marisch, 1318 West Palmar, Phoenix, Arizona, but it is now being sent to J. LESLIE HANSON, Box 785, Glendale, Arizona. MOORE advised that the John Birch Society is the one who is subscribing for the Daily Worker and that J. LESLIE HANSON is just a name used for the Daily Worker to be sent to through the mails. He advised that he wanted this office to know that he is the person that is receiving the Daily Worker at the present time. He stated that Marisch, prior to his death, was a representative of the John Birch Society.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-10) *pps*

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. MEHRENS

SUBJECT: HARRY WINEBERG *p*
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 9/3/68

Mr. JOHN RALEIGH, Fowler's Auto Parts, 730 East Western Avenue, Avondale, Arizona, telephonically contacted the Phoenix Office on 8/30/68, and furnished the following information:

HARRY WINEBERG, American Service Company, P. O. Box 9412, Phoenix, Arizona, calls on Mr. RALEIGH in a salesman capacity and claims to be a John Bircher. WINEBERG is always complaining about the Government and states that neither party can do a good job. He is always criticising the two major parties is not satisfied with anything in the Government and says that Communism is taking over. He states that we are headed for Communism or a dictatorship unless something is done about it. He has on numerous occasions attempted to convince Mr. RALEIGH to attend meetings with him.

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Freedom Ring, Birchers Linked

The John Birch Society and the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone recorded-message organization today were linked to the drive against sex education in the public schools.

Spokesmen for both groups deny their two organizations are connected. However, they are closely enough associated here for the "Let Freedom Ring" messages to refer listeners to American Opinion Bookshops of the Birch Society in Phoenix and Scottsdale.

"LET FREEDOM Ring" carried its anti-sex education message last week during the height of a battle over adoption of a sexual education program in Washington District schools. More than 1,500 persons, pro and con, turned out for a Washington board meeting last Thursday. A move to abandon the proposed program was defeated.

Robert Crellin Smith of 1610 Palmcroft Drive SW, a sales representative for Refsnes, Ely, Beck and Co. Inc., receives the messages from a Sarasota, Fla., physician, Dr. William C. Douglass, who writes the scripts for his "Let Freedom Ring" organization.

The scripts go to many cities throughout the nation, where they are locally transcribed into the telephone company answer-recorder. (This is a telephone service available to any group.)

Dr. Douglass denies a Birch link as does Robert Welch, the Birch leader.

A GAZETTE Answer Line inquirer asked who was "behind" the "Let Freedom Ring" outfit.

If you hang on long enough, after what seems final "Let Freedom Ring" conclusion, you will hear a voice acknowledge the speaker is "R. C. Smith of 1610 Palmcroft Drive SW."

Reached at the Refsnes firm, Smith told The Gazette that "Let Freedom Ring" is not connected with the Birch Society, and it refers people for more information to the

Birch's bookshops "because they have the documentation."

LIKEWISE, Thomas G. Brussat, a longtime Birch coordinator here, said there is no connection between his society and "Let Freedom Ring." He described "Let Freedom Ring" as a "conservative, anti-Communist" organization, started a couple of years ago by Dr. Douglass.

The use of telephone tapes, particularly by "Let Freedom Ring," came under scrutiny of a Senate subcommittee in November 1965.

HOWEVER, proposed legislation to require identification of the sponsor was shelved when American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and independent companies said they had ordered the tapes to include the name and address of the sponsoring organization.

For two years, this did not occur. The Associated Press stated.

A "Let Freedom Ring" recording in November 1967 was heard in Washington, D. C., suggesting that Sen. Robert Kennedy was "guilty of treason and incitement to anarchy."

The message was made available by "Let Freedom Ring" on the fourth anniversary of the week his brother, President John Kennedy, was assassinated, the Associated Press reported.

Senator Kennedy's aide then commented: "The senator doesn't care to dignify every extremist who makes a wild charge."

NEWS FILES show other links between "Let Freedom Ring" and the Birch Society, through the citizens information centers.

Leading Birchers were on the board of the now-defunct Citizens Information Center, 4513 N. Central in Phoenix; a Citizens Information Center in March 1962 sponsored a

"Let Freedom Ring" Day in Camelback Inn, then owned by Jack Stewart.

The Camelback Inn featured with an "anti-Communist" meeting sponsored by the Citizens Information Center of Scottsdale, which still has a telephone listing as does a center in Mesa.

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P. O. Box 431
Phoenix, Arizona 85001
November 7, 1968

Mrs. Glenda Lloyd
551 South Wilbur
Mesa, Arizona 85201

Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

I am returning herewith the documents which you recently made available to this office for review.

The interest which prompted you to call these matters to the attention of this office is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN P. MULL, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

- 1 - Addressee
- 1 - Phoenix (62-795)

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The material provided by Mrs. LLOYD consisted chiefly of John Birch Society pamphlets critical of the "war on poverty" and dealing with communist influence among the poor and particularly among Mexican-Americans. There was also a document which she had evidently authored herself concerning the same general subject matter and entitled "The Southwest Conspiracy of La Roza."

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SAC, PHOENIX (91-2499) (P)

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SA HENRY F. ALSTON

ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, aka
FUGITIVE, IO #4176;
WALTER PATRICK PEYSON, aka
FUGITIVE, IO #4181;
ET AL
BR - CONSPIRACY; BOND DEFAULT
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

On 12/11/68 the writer together with SA STEPHEN B. CHENOWETH contacted VANCE JAY ROGERS, Section Coordinator for the John Birch Society (JBS) at Snowflake, Arizona. ROGERS advised he is Section Organizer for the JBS and as such covers Snowflake, Heber, Taylor, Holbrook and Navajo, Arizona. He advised he is familiar with the names of both subjects and has read of their activities in connection with the Minutemen.

He said he has no knowledge of the whereabouts of either subject; however, he was approached within the past several months by an individual residing in Holbrook, Arizona, to become a member of the Minutemen. He said he is unable to recall this individual's name but through contacts he will be able to locate him.

ROGERS said he is willing to cooperate with the Bureau in any manner deemed advisable by the Bureau and will attempt to re-contact this individual in Holbrook to determine whether or not he has any knowledge concerning the subject's whereabouts.

ROGERS furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Name	VANCE JAY ROGERS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American

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cc: 1 - 105-1226
1 - [REDACTED] (ROGERS)
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PX 91-2499
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Born	[REDACTED], Snowflake, Arizona
Residence	Box, 162, Snowflake
Occupation	Barber, Snowflake
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Marital status	Married
Wife	NEDRA [REDACTED]
Social Security #	[REDACTED]
Arrest record	Claims arrested on numerous occasions as juvenile but has never been convicted of any serious crime

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RECOMMENDATION:

Open [REDACTED] new case file on ROGERS and assign to
Flagstaff RA.

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Look who opposed Viet war

In efforts to expiate their guilt feelings over American participation in the Vietnam war, various "progressives" assign heroic stature to anyone who makes outrageous statements about this tragedy in Southeast Asia.

To them, Daniel Ellsberg, even though he once strongly supported the war under liberal Democratic administrations, is now a hero because he masochistically declares himself a "war criminal."

By the same token, super-leftist I.F. Stone is even more the saint and sage because he has never favored American military involvement in Vietnam.

However, assigning sanctity on

the basis of how frenetically one opposes the war has its pitfalls.

Washington Post writer Richard Harwood, in exploring the roots of American military involvement, found that both the Post and the New York Times were strongly instrumental in forming U.S. attitudes which led to America's entrance into Vietnam.

On the other hand, one of the few organizations which in the early 1960s bitterly opposed America's involvement in Vietnam was — are you ready for this? — the John Birch Society.

This, we think, should caution liberals against unthinkingly enshrining every opponent of the war.

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Fritz Marquardt
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Birchers' Founder To Speak

John Birch Society founder Robert Welch will speak at 8 p.m. Friday in Phoenix College Auditorium.

In 1958, Welch predicted "wild inflation of our currency, leading rapidly towards its ultimate repudiation" and "government controls of prices, wages and materials, supposedly to combat inflation."

Welch gave up business activities in 1957 to work with the anti-Communist movement.

The Arizona chapters of the society are sponsoring the ap-



ROBERT WELCH

pearance and tickets are available at the American Opinion bookstores in Phoenix at 12 W. Camelback, in Mesa at 233 E. University Drive and in Scottsdale at 1 S. Marshall Way. Tickets are \$2.50.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX

DATE: 5/12/72

FROM : SC, JACK MOSES

SUBJECT: LLOYD A. HORTON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*John Birch
Society
62-795*

Donald M. Ansel, 413 East Sagebrush, Litchfield Park, Arizona, telephone 935-9500, self-employed Ansel Insurance Agency, 108 North Litchfield Rd., Litchfield Park, Arizona telephone 935-9379, telephonically advised that he is a neighbor to LLOYD A. HORTON, who resides at 406 E. Sagebrush, Litchfield Park and who is a chiropractor.

Ansel said that HORTON had expressed views of John Birch Society to Ansel's church pastor, who had contacted HORTON with regard to attending church, and further Ansel has noticed that HORTON has stock piled food stuffs in his garage and sometimes cartons would be five high by five wide and ten deep. Ansel also noted that HORTON's station wagon was loaded with food. Ansel said that in a few days all the cartons were gone. He noted on one occasion where HORTON had five cases of toilet tissue.

Ansel said that he had occasion to consult with a chiropractor and questioned another chiropractor to determine HORTON's reputation. The other chiropractor's name was Don Edwards, and Edwards advised Ansel not to go to HORTON because HORTON gives injections which is against chiropractic standards.

HORTON is described as white male, 5'10", dark hair, round face, 185-190 lbs., dark eyes; and has several children. HORTON drives a Dodge station wagon and has several four-wheel drive vehicles.

Ansel advised that he is a former policeman and considers HORTON suspicious and in view of alleged sympathy with John Birch Society, Ansel, thought that it is possible that Horton may be a member of an ultra-right wing organization and for this reason, he is furnishing the foregoing for the information of this office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 7-18-72

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FROM : SA, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7-6-72, at Peoria, Arizona, Chief of Police
L. H. JOHNSON, PD. Peoria, Arizona, turned over the following
documents to SA [REDACTED]

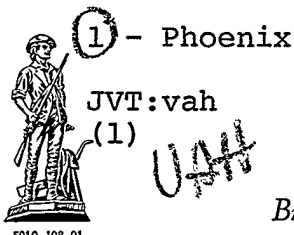
The review of the news dated 7-5-72, volume 8,
number 27; Again May God Forgive Us, The Politician,
RICHARD NIXON, TEDDY BARE, The Fearful Master
and NIXON's Palace Guard.

These have been placed in the bulky exhibit for
possible prosecution in the future. JOHNSON pointed out that
he was not a member of the JOHN BIRCH Society, he did not
subscribe to the JOHN BIRCH Society communications and he
has no idea who might have put in a membership for him.

JOHNSON stated that he wanted to go on record as
not being a member of the JOHN BIRCH Society, not having
registered to receive their communications and he has paid
no money into them whatsoever.

JOHNSON stated that he wanted the FBI to know that
he had nothing to do with the material being sent to him on a
monthly basis.

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destroy exhibit
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 10/2/72

FROM : SC, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[REDACTED] Phoenix, unlisted telephone [REDACTED] telephonically advised that today she took a music instrument to Arizona M & P, 4842 South Central, Phoenix, a repair shop, to be repaired. An individual, believed to be the proprietor engaged [REDACTED] in a political conversation which ultimately revolved around right wing organizations. He provided [REDACTED] with a book entitled "None Dare Call it Conspiracy", which the individual would sell for \$1.00, and also other John Birch material. [REDACTED] refused to pay for the book and told the individual that she did not care to purchase it. The individual insisted that she take it without paying for it, which she did. After reading this material, [REDACTED] is convinced that it is all right wing propaganda, and intends to burn it.

[REDACTED] thought that the fact Arizona M & P dispenses this material would be of interest to this office which prompted her call to us.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

3rd party ex-candidate to speak

John G. Schmitz, national council member of the John Birch Society and 1972 American Party presidential candidate, will present a public address at 8 p.m. next Thursday at Phoenix College Auditorium, 1202 West Thomas:

The talk, entitled "Let's Tell It Like It Is," will be sponsored by the Phoenix Metropolitan Area Chapters of the Birch Society, according to Jim Wren, local coordinator.

Wren said the main theme of the Schmitz talk will be highly critical analysis of the Nixon administration.

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